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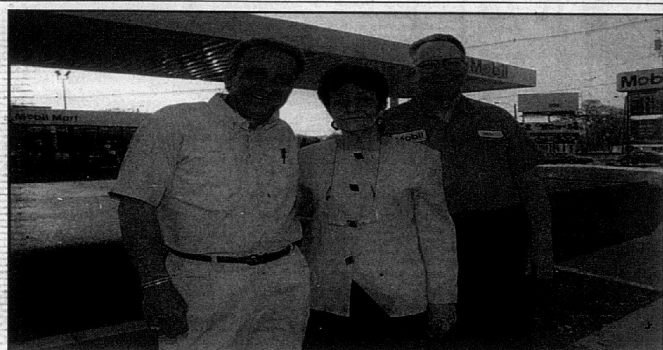
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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Ron Branding, Lois LaMar and Richard Branding are co-owners of the new Mobil Branding Mart at the corner of Nameoki and Pontoon. The three siblings recently opened the filling station and convenience store on property owned by their family.

## A family tradition

New store built at old site of father's station

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

At the corner of Nameoki and Pontoon roads in Granite City, passersby will see something new — the Branding Mart, a family-owned convenience store that offers Mobil gasoline and products such as groceries, hot coffee, sodas and cappuccino. The \$750,000 store and gasoline service business took three years of planning with contractors and financial institutions until it was recently built, said owner Ron Branding, 62.

Branding said he is glad to see the mart

finally completed at its location, which holds meaning for him, he said, because that's where his father, Elmer, once operated a service station.

"That's actually where my dad started in 1936," Branding said. "He (Elmer) was working at Commonwealth Steel and borrowed \$50 from his sister, Henrietta, and went into business there."

Branding said his father stayed at that location until 1940. He then built another service station on Niedringhaus Avenue, and his brother, Ab, took over the old station.

"It was there until 1970," Branding said. (See TRADITION, Page 4A)

## Incorporation plan advances

Officials describe proposal to packed house of Mitchell residents

Another packed house of incorporation advocates voiced support Wednesday night for forming a new village.

The people of Mitchell listened to a panel of officials describe how to form a new municipality and vowed to stop neighboring cities from further annexations.

Ron Trimmer, who has joined a committee to help create a village, said he thought Edwardsville, Pontoon Beach and Granite City offered only "money-grubbing and politics."

Gene Allsup, a retired university professor, called Edwardsville "a creeping cancer" and vowed to help Mitchell.

The residents heard from representatives of the new proposed Gateway Commerce Center industrial park.

David Sherrill, a partner in Gateway Center, said Edwardsville was all but guaranteed the largest portion of the 2,700-acre development. But he said about one-fifth of the area was up for grabs and could become part of a new village of Mitchell.

Other officials mapped out the services Mitchell could expect if it incorporated:

"You are coming to the point where you have to make some tough decisions about your future. I will support whatever option the community decides to pursue."

— Pat Polley

Granite City would remain the school district.

Mitchell Volunteer Fire Protection District would remain the fire service provider. The Mitchell Water District would continue to provide water.

The Madison County Special Service Sewer District would continue to provide sewers.

Jim Sinclair, the attorney who helped the Village of Godfrey incorporate six years ago, has (See MITCHELL, Page 4A)

## Journal makes online debut

The Journal is being delivered to a new neighborhood — the World Wide Web.

One of the 41 editions of the *Suburban Journals* is delivered to more than 125 neighborhoods in the Missouri and Illinois metropolitan area. On Saturday, the Journal debuted on the Internet.

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tures from their local, home-delivered newspaper, including Sound Off, Town Talk, Athlete of the Week, the automotive Test Drive feature, the featured food story with recipes and the popular What Did It Sell For? column.

There also will be ample opportunity to interact with the Journal by using our e-mail address: [newsroom@yourjournal.com](mailto:newsroom@yourjournal.com). Sound Off or Town Talk comments may be directed (See JOURNAL, Page 5A)

## City honored with Liberty Bell award

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The court system in Madison County owes the city of Granite City a big "thank you."

And the city received that recognition last week for those who work in the courts on a daily basis.

Each year on Law Day, May 1, the Madison County Bar Association presents the Liberty Bell Award to a deserving individual or group that has advanced the work of the judicial system.

This year the award was given to the city of Granite City. Dan Brown, 1997 economic development director for the city, accepted on behalf of Mayor Ron Selph.

"The criteria for the Liberty Bell Award includes support for the courts and court system in Madison County," John Hopkins, president of the bar association, said Thursday morning when presenting the award at Charlie's Restaurant. "The city of Granite City has donated two court rooms in City Hall for four decades — and not asked for a dime in return."

One courtroom on the top floor of City Hall is used for civil cases. The second courtroom, on the middle floor, is used for (See AWARD, Page 5A)

## Oil company tank ignited

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The use of a cutting torch on a fuel oil tank apparently sparked a potentially dangerous fire at Rich Oil Co. in downtown Granite City Thursday morning.

But the timely response of emergency service personnel — including firefighters, police, the emergency services coordinator and the city's building inspector — quickly brought the situation under control.

"Though the probability of a real danger was minimal, I want to commend all of the city's emergency responders for their quick response and coordinated effort," Fire Chief Keith Talley said.

"The fire department, police department and ESDA director mitigated what could have been, under slightly different circumstances, a very dangerous situation."

The fire at Rich Oil, 15th and State streets, ignited just after 10 a.m. Thursday when a contractor was using a cutting torch on a fuel oil tank, according to a fire report.

Talley said a private contractor told emergency personnel he had purged the tank



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Smoke pours from the Rich Oil Co. plant in downtown Granite City.

with water prior to beginning cutting.

"Apparently no city agencies were aware of the demolition being done because of failure of the contractor to obtain the proper permits," Talley said. "I don't know if we would have recommended it be done any differently."

"But we may have referred it to the state fire marshal had we been aware the work was (See FIRE, Page 6A)

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— Keith Talley  
Fire chief

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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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# NEWS

## City planning group formed

### Meeting set this week to compile development plan

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A group of local community leaders has formed a not-for-profit organization to enhance the confidence to invest in Granite City.

The purpose of "Solid Granite" is to promote industrial and community development, housing and civic growth, educational and cultural enhancement projects in the city and surrounding area, according to Tom Hewlett, president of the group's 21-member board of directors.

"I think there are some parallels to the St. Louis 2004 group that has been formed (across the river)," Hewlett said. "We are asking folks what they think about Granite City and its future before we take a stab at this."

To that end, the organization has commissioned Bucher, Willis and Ratliff Corp. of St. Louis to organize a town planning charrette, or workshop, next Saturday

Those interested in participating in the charrette should call 877-5400 by Tuesday to reserve a space.

from 8 a.m. to noon.

"Charrette" is a concept borrowed from the French beaux-arts system of architectural planning education, where professors would pull a small wooden cart to collect students' drawings at the end of class. That cart, which contained the sum of everyone's ideas and concepts, was called a "charrette" — the French word for "small cart".

Several key community leaders have been invited to the event in order to

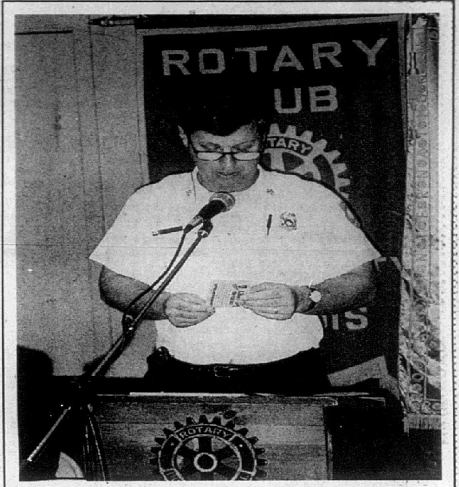
record their views about the city's future. The ideas will be compiled and utilized to develop a master plan for the city.

The Solid Granite group recognizes that the community's location (proximity to St. Louis, access to highway, river and rail transportation systems) is ideal for development, but also that a number of factors have adversely affected the city's development, Hewlett said.

"We in Granite City are aware of the many challenges and opportunities existing in the urban environment," Hewlett said. "Few communities have such opposite forces constantly at work between success and failure; investment and blight; pride and embarrassment than Granite City."

Those interested in participating in the charrette should call 877-5400 by Tuesday to reserve a space.

The same number can be called to find out more about Solid Granite.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

**Safety** — Fire Chief Keith Talley recently thanked the Granite City Rotary Club for its donation to the department's fire safety program taught in schools. The Rotary Club contributed \$500.

## Food fight

### Schnucks files counterclaim against National stores

By Jim Rygelski  
Staff writer

Schnucks maintained them before the sale.

Schnucks Markets Inc. has countered breach of contract charges from National Markets by filing its own claim asking an arbitrator for \$100 million in damages.

The two grocery chains fired legal salvos at each other last week after National announced it was closing five stores, including one in unincorporated North County, near Foster Road, in the Paddock Forest shopping center near Black Jack. National blamed Schnucks for allowing the stores to deteriorate before National bought them.

In a prepared statement released Thursday, Schnucks' chairman, Craig Schnuck, characterized the National complaint as "libel, slander and commercial disparagement." He added it was "vicious, unfounded and designed to damage Schnucks' reputation."

Schnucks will seek \$25 million actual and \$75 million in punitive damages. In its complaint, National asked the arbitrator to award it \$50 million.

After Schnucks bought the old National Markets chain last year, the federal government ordered Schnucks to sell some of the outlets since it had achieved a commanding share of the local grocery market. Schnucks sold 23 of its stores to the Family Company, which reopened them under a new National name and logo.

The two corporations had agreed to settle their differences through the American Arbitration Association.

In his response to the National claim, Craig Schnuck charged that:

\* National had "ready access" to all 23 stores it bought during the nine months.

\* Family Company was "quite familiar" with 17 of the 23 stores purchased since they had been National stores before Schnucks bought them.

Schnucks provided Family Company with weekly sales figures for each of the stores National wanted to reopen, and National did not inspect the stores although it was allowed to by the purchase agreement for 30 days before the property turnover.

Craig Schnuck's statement concluded: "After nearly 14 months of operating the 23 stores Family Company purchased from us, they're crying foul, blaming Schnucks for their lack of success at five stores, and seeking damages of many times over the price they paid for the stores. The numbers just don't add up."

National issued a quick response.

"Family Company of America believes that truth is the best defense against a libel suit," said National spokeswoman Diane Brown. "The consumers in our neighborhood stores know the truth. We invite them to speak up."

Representatives for both sides declined to say what the purchase price of the 23 stores had been.

In addition to the Paddock store, National announced it was closing stores at 9719 Watson Road, Crestwood; 1435 Vaughn Road, Wood River, Ill.; 1290 Camp Jackson Road, Cahokia, Ill.; and 1716 Vandallia Road, Collinsville, Ill.

The Cahokia and Collinsville stores were originally National outlets. The Paddock, Crestwood and Wood River stores were originally owned by Schnucks, before they were purchased by National.

## Human rights panel to meet

The Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Illinois Department of Transportation Regional Conference Room, East Port Plaza, Collinsville.

At that time, they will

review and discuss complaints concerning allegations that the rights of persons with disabilities are being violated at private and public facilities that provide mental health or developmental disability services.

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## NEWS

# Fed up with violence, Alton group taking action

Fed up with violence, members of the 100 Black Men of Alton are taking action.

"As members of the black community, have to act to curb the violence," said Les Barham, who is taking charge of a new project to get young people involved in structured programs.

Barham and Bobby Collins, a vice president of 100 Black Men, said the problem is spreading like a cancer, even before the warm weather, which usually makes it worse. The two men were reacting to shootings over the past three months that have resulted in the deaths of three young men and serious injury to an innocent bystander.

All the victims have been black teenagers, Barham said he was especially shocked by the shooting earlier this month that injured a 16-year-old girl, apparently an innocent bystander.

"I was talking to her mother about the problem just 30 minutes before she got the call that her daughter had been shot," he said. "It sent a very somber message to all of us."

Carl Crumer, president of the 100 Black Men, said the members are united in their feelings about the violence. He said there already is a mentoring program in place, in which three young people are participating, with help from an investment firm and Family & Community Services.

Barham, Crumer and Collins said the time has come to work on prevention.

"We need to work on attitudes, character, the whole nine yards," Collins said, adding that the system of criminal

## •Mitchell—

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signed on officially as Mitchell's attorney. He advised Mitchell it should begin moving immediately on setting legal boundaries, counting population and circulating a petition for 250 signatures. Those matters will have to be dealt with if an incorporation question is to be on the November ballot.

Sinclair said filing the petition would stop any further annexation claims on the area until the election, but Edwardsville still has a lock on most of the industrial park because two key property owners there have petitioned the city for annexation.

A few people in the audience said they would like to keep things the way they are, but they were the minority.

Godfrey Village Clerk Pam Whisler said many people in Godfrey wouldn't support incorporation of that town until they realized Alton would continue to annex Godfrey's tax base.

Whisler said what was happening to Godfrey is now happening to Mitchell at the hands of Edwardsville, Granite City and Ponton Beach.

Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley told the crowd she didn't consider the incorporation effort to be taking away from her township duties.

"You are coming to the point where you have to make some tough decisions about your future," said Polley, a Granite City Democrat who also is a member of the Madison County Board. "I will support whatever option the community decides to pursue."

From The Telegraph

## •Tradition

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"Then Mobil put a station there. They closed six years ago."

The new mart was built in honor of his father, Branding said.

"It was a family dream," he said.

Branding said he thinks the 2,000-square-foot mart will be successful.

"It's a Granite City business, as opposed to a franchise, and people in Granite City like that," he said.

Branding and his family will be conducting a grand opening for the mart the first weekend in May, he said.

"We'll be making up fliers, putting an ad in the paper and advertise on WGNU," he said.

"We'll also have clowns and Bear Foot, a monster truck owned by Fred Shafer."

"And we'll probably have free soda, free coffee and free popcorn for the kids," he said.

The mart employees five people. It is available to customers from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily, Branding said.

Branding also owns another business that he said is well known in Granite City — Recam Auto Parts, located at 1601 Ponton Rd., one block away from the mart.

justice has only locks people up after violence has occurred. "We need more projects, and the young people need role models," Crumer said.

The first program the organization is getting off the ground is called Junior 100 Black Men. It is aimed at young people 10 years and older.

Barham said he will lead the program, in which young people will get the opportunity to participate in constructive projects in return for the chance

to take part in such activities as baseball games and trips to the St. Louis Science Center. "They will get to enjoy the fruits of their labor," Barham said.

Later, the group will form a program for older teens that focuses on preparing them for jobs, Barham said. The programs will help build character and teach young people the skills they need to survive in the world of work, Collins said.

He said he hopes to persuade city government, construction

firms and trades unions to cooperate in a program in which young people can get an introduction to work in a much-needed area, such as the city's Hunterstown area.

Collins said everyone, including the unions, will have to make accommodations to make the program work.

He said the youngsters could work at doing some of the badly needed housing rehabilitation in Hunterstown, thereby learning skills, including the adaptability they will need to

keep the jobs they get. "We've got to give them an opportunity to invest in their community, rather than always looking for the hand-out," Collins said.

Collins said young people need not only job skills, but also adaptability skills, so they can keep the jobs.

"People can get jobs, but they are destined to lose those jobs. Being prepared to survive is just as important as getting hired in the work force today," he said.

The men said they also will try to persuade the Alton and Madison County housing authorities to reactivate the community centers at the city's public housing complexes.

The Boys and Girls Club of Alton fills some of the need, but not all the children can get to the location on State Street, they said.

The three men called upon fellow members of the black community to unite behind a common cause of preventing violence.

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By Michelle  
Staff writer

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# Pontoon delays insurance action

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees held a special meeting Wednesday night to discuss reinstating disability and life insurance for village employees but tabled the issue until more information could be learned about it.

The insurance covering the village's employees has apparently lapsed, although village records indicate premiums have been paid continuously since the program began in August 1993, former comptroller Lou Whitsell, now a trustee, said at a special meeting held Tuesday by the

Village Board's Personnel Committee.

At that meeting, the Personnel Committee met with Steve McGinness, assistant business representative for Teamsters Local 525, the union that represents the village's police department employees. The committee wanted McGinness to help them determine how to best handle the situation, a city official said.

The matter is complicated, because the village has failed to pay its share of premium costs for some employees, while overpaying for others, said Police Chief Mike Crouch.

Trustee Bob Vincent suggested the village advertise for bids from prospective

agents to provide future coverage.

Whitsell, however, said the employee insurance program was with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois and that it was designed to replicate benefits through a Teamster plan with a \$30,000 savings to the village.

The plan provided \$10,000 life insurance benefits to employees with premiums paid by the village. Employees could also choose to buy additional coverage at their own expense.

Whitsell said that former village treasurer Ray Gaudette and Judy Donaldson, and himself as treasurer and later as (See PONTON, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

John Hopkins, president of the Madison County Bar Association, presented the Liberty Bell Award to the city of Granite City.

## •Award

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initial appearances in misdemeanor and other criminal cases originating in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Pontoon Beach.

Hopkins noted that the village of East Alton recently tried to bill Madison County for courtroom space it had been using there — resulting in the closure of the East Alton court facility and overcrowding of the county courthouse in Edwardsville.

"I don't know where we'd be if we didn't have the court rooms in Granite City," Hopkins said.

In addition to the crowding and inconvenience caused by the use of two rooms in City Hall, some unusual circumstances have occurred over the years as a result of the court's use of the building.

A couple of years ago, for example, a man who stood naked in the first floor rotunda with toothbrushes entangled in his hair disrupted the usual flow of business in City Hall. The man was quickly apprehended by police.

## POLICE BEAT

The following are among incidents reported recently to area police departments.

- Drugs**
- Karrie Ann McDaniel, 26, of Collinsville, was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's department May 1 on a felony warrant charging her with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.
  - McDaniel allegedly possessed the substance in Granite City.
  - Donna Lee Perry, 38, of Fairview Heights, was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's department May 1 on a felony warrant charging her with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.
  - Perry allegedly possessed the substance in Granite City.
  - Dennis B. Latham, 24, of

the 1700 block of Market Street in Madison, was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's department May 1 on a felony warrant charging him with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Latham allegedly possessed the substance in Granite City.

### Sale to minor

• Sherri J. Bristol, 32, an employee of Town & Country Liquor Store, 3217 West Chain of Rocks Road, was arrested May 1 by the Madison County Sheriff's department and charged with unlawful sale of alcohol to a minor.

Sheriff's detectives said Bristol sold beer to a minor who was cooperating with the department. Bristol failed to ask for the minor's identification, according to a press release.

## Codependency is subject of talk

"Codependency: The Family Illness" will be the subject of a talk presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Pascal Hall.

Warren Neal of the Behavioral Health System will discuss how dysfunctional family members can have a devastating impact on the persons with whom they are most directly involved. The talk is free and open to the public. Call the Resource Center at 796-3888 to register or for more information.

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He said it was the second such incident at Rich Oil Co. last week.

## •Pontoon -

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comptroller, routinely deducted the cost of premiums from the employees' pay.

But Crouch said the village overpaid by as much as \$25 a month for the additional coverage for some employees and failed to pay the minimum amount for others — including himself.

Apparently, the insurance company never received the premiums for many of the employees. According to a recent letter from the insurance company, the life insurance policies for most of the employees had lapsed.

Crouch said the village stopped paying his premium in 1994, causing the policy's lapse in 1995.

McGuinness suggested that village officials study payroll records for each employee to determine who is owed payment from the village.

Trustee Gus Falter, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he had determined that each employee is probably owed about \$150 to cover payments that should have been made since December 1995.

Whitsell, Crouch and Abel agreed to review payroll records from August 1995 to December 1995 to determine what additional amounts may be owed to — or from — the employees.

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## Emissions plan lagging

Expansion of testing delayed until next year

SPRINGFIELD — Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and Godfrey residents will not face proposed auto emissions inspections until at least next year, state officials said this week.

The new inspection program, announced last August, is months behind schedule because of prolonged talks with the company that will run the program. The program was to begin later this year.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has selected Envirotech Technologies of California, the same company that runs testing stations now, to build and run the new stations. Negotiations with Envirotech began in November last year. State officials said they hoped to have a new contract by December.

But talks have bogged down, said Julie

Nepeschlan, spokeswoman for the inspections program.

"They're still in negotiations, and there is not much we can say about that. This has put us several months behind schedule."

Previously, only communities below the bluffs such as Alton, Wood River, Granite City and East St. Louis had been subject to emissions testing. The tests had always been simple, exhaust tailpipe probes.

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## BUSINESS

# Tourism web site succeeding

By Kimberly Haas  
Staff writer

A re-vamped web site appears to be quite a success for the Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau.

"Within the first seven days, we had 50 hits and it wasn't even publicized yet," said Dave Coughlin, assistant director of marketing and sales for the bureau.

The site was originally set up in November 1996, and was re-designed in April 1997.

"The first site we put up was effective for information, but it did not give a true account of what Southwestern Illinois offered to tourists. This new site is the most complete tourism resource in Southwestern Illinois," said Mark Westhoff, president and CEO of the tourism bureau.

The Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau web site can be accessed at [www.illinoisouthwest.org](http://www.illinoisouthwest.org).

"It's a miniature version of our visitor's guide," Coughlin said.

The site contains information on recreation, accommodations and events taking place in southwestern Illinois. A calendar of events is also in place, updating visitors on monthly activities.

Weather conditions are also available on the site through The Weather Channel, Coughlin said.

Information from the state tourism bureau can also be accessed through the address.

The bureau represents eight counties, including Madison and St. Clair.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Opening** — Members of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber join the staff of Ultimate Sports in celebrating the business' opening at 6 Nameki Village Shopping Center in Granite City. From left: Janet Mills of the chamber, Elizabeth and Don Lloyd, the owner's grandparents, Ann Logan, the owner's girlfriend, owner Jonathan Birdsong, Corey Wallis, William McArdor and Jay Robertson, who work at the store, chamber executive vice president R.C. Bush, Shawna Birdsong, the owner's sister, employee Jake Morris, Chuck Unger of Omni Bank and Harvey Cohen with the chamber.

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Dr. Anderson is an orthopedic surgeon with Illinois S.W. Orthopedics, Ltd. He attended Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore before receiving five years of specialized training in orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, Minn. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery and has served at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for over five years.

Dr. Ali is a neurologist with Tri City Neurology. A graduate of Dow Medical School in Karachi, Pakistan, he is board certified in neurology.



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Dr. Anderson has practiced at SEMC since 1982. Dr. Harmon is a board certified internist with Heartland Healthcare. He attended St. Louis University School of Medicine and has practiced at SEMC for over 19 years. Harmon just completed over two terms as medical staff president, longer than any president before him.

## Landlords to meet

The Metro East Landlords Association will meet Monday, May 5, at the Collinsville Eagle's Hall, 940 California Street.

The special lecturer will be Dr. Richard Fowles, known as "The Millionaire Maker." He will present a program on the secrets of creative real estate investing and how to buy houses without using a bank.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Donn at 233-8446.

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## Management courses slated

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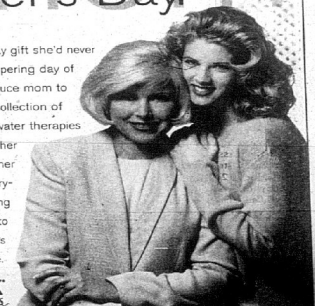
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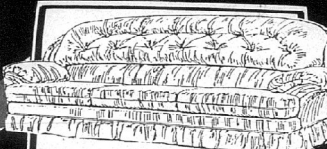
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## Hoops battle continues off the court

Like April rain, you could count on it—someone challenging the city of Peoria's right to continue to host the Illinois boys Class A and AA state basketball tournaments.

On April 10, by a vote of 32-23, the Illinois House of Representatives sent to the Senate a proposal that would require competitive bidding for the state tournaments.

Sponsored by Urbana Republican Timothy Johnson, the bill creates specific criteria for the Illinois High School Association to consider when awarding the tournaments to a community.

Held for decades in Champaign, the state tournament that grew into two classes has spent the past two years in Peoria, which no longer is a town meant for testing jokes or theatrical plays.

According to Rep. David Leitch, a Peoria Republican, Johnson's proposal is "sour grapes" and "extremely annoying and offensive."

The IHSA-Peoria contract was recently extended by two years. Johnson wants Champaign to have the right to again host the tournaments. He also referred to Chicago as a potential bidder.

While Johnson said everyone should have a fair shot, "so no community takes the tournament for granted," I side with Leitch, who claims Peoria became a host by outbidding Champaign.

"That's how Peoria got it," said Leitch. The fact is the Champaign motel and hotel owners did just what Johnson said in "taking the tournament for granted." My bet is the boys tournaments are destined to play a long time in Peoria regardless of the political action.

**OVERTIME:** Readers of this corner know how I feel about Chicago King coach Landon "Sonny" Cox, who is about as good for prep sports as Hale-Bopp is for a cult.

This time Cox has become part of a controversy in Chicago where the father of his starting point guard is upset because Cox thinks the kid, a freshman named Imari Sawyer, should dribble on demand during the so-called offseason.

A starter throughout most of the past season, when he averaged 17 points and 10 assists, the 6-1 Sawyer chose to play in the Magic Johnson all-star game recently in Detroit.

Cox wanted him in the Downers Grove Centurion Classic spring tournament, and then indicated the standout guard would be on the varsity bench at the start of next season.

Said Cox: "No player is bigger than the King's program."

Meanwhile, Terry Sawyer, Imari's father, does not want basketball to be a year-round obligation for his son.

"We want Imari to come to church with us on Sundays and Mr. Cox wants him to practice," the elder Sawyer said.

Please remember that Cox is the same coach who sought front money from Keith Pickett of Columbia to play in the St. Louis Shootout.

Sawyer should say "Mr." very lightly in regards to Cox, whose actions were largely responsible for ending the open district policy in Chicago. Maybe Sonny is about to get a taste of his own game should Sawyer transfer.

# Kickers advance to Shootout finals

## GCBS, Incarnate Word reach title game

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout proved the Journal writers poll accurate as the top four girls soccer teams advanced to the semifinals on Friday afternoon.

In final four games, second-ranked Granite City stopped No. 4 St. Joseph's 2-0, and top-rated Incarnate Word led third-ranked Howell North 5-1 late in the other semifinal, setting up a rematch between the two top girls programs in the St. Louis area.

Granite City met Incarnate Word at 6 p.m. Saturday at St. Dominic. Incarnate Word won at GCBS 1-0 on March 25.

The Lady Warriors won Pool C despite playing Nerinx Hall to a 1-1 tie on Thursday. Ismahan Mohsen scored for GCBS in the second half in what coach Gene Baker called "a lackluster game."

"The subpar performance carried over into the first half of Friday's semifinal match. The Angels (10-4-1) outshouted and outplayed the Lady Warriors (10-1-1) for the full 40 minutes."

"They should have put us away in the first half," Baker said. "The way we were playing, they should have had us down. We made a lot of adjustments between halves."

But GCBS couldn't make adjustments for injuries.



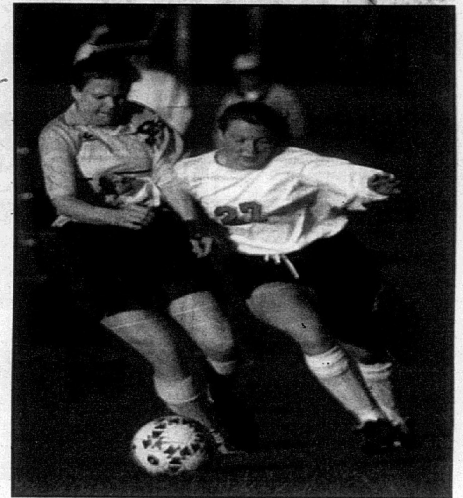
(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Erika Todd (right) tries to take possession during the Lady Warriors' win over Francis Howell Tuesday.

Roxie Simpson, who pulled a muscle in her right leg in pre-game warmups, started and limped along for less than 10 minutes before leaving the game for good. Michelle Montgomery came into the contest with her wrist in a cast and Connie Meyers had her injured ankle taped.

Jaime Dellbringer caught a hard shot to the chin halfway through the first half and left the game shaken.

"We were tired and hurt," Baker said. "Hopefully, we can play everyone (Saturday). Roxie is questionable. If we



Carrie Simpson (right) works her way past a defender to the ball.

## Warriors fall short in run to meet title

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Granite City boys track team narrowly missed winning the Madison County Meet on Wednesday, trailing Collinsville 98-82 at day's end. It was the best finish of the season for the Warriors, and coach Gene Briggs was pleased.

"We performed well," Briggs said. "Despite the windy conditions, we had several new PRs (personal records) set."

He had to leave three (athletes) behind because they missed Huckleberry practice the day before. They probably would have picked up enough points for us to win the meet.

"We had some near misses, too, where just an inch or two,

"Everyone had a good meet. I was very pleased."

—Gene Briggs  
GCBS coach

or a second or two, would have produced more points. But, overall, this was our best performance in a long, long time. We were very well balanced with everyone contributing. Everyone had a good meet. I was very pleased."

In all, the Warriors placed in four relays and 13 individual events.

The 4x400-meter relay team of David Zellerman, Josh Peacher, George Wolfe and Kelly Huckleberry smoked the field, running nearly four seconds faster than runner-up Edwardsville.

Huckleberry also placed first in the 300 hur-

(See GCBS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCBS senior Roxie Simpson (right) looks to get past a defender. After missing last season with a broken leg, Simpson has scored five goals in her return to the team.

## Striking back

### Simpson returns from injury with GCBS

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Granite City soccer player Roxie Simpson isn't exactly a fish out of water when she's streaking on goal from her right wing position, but she does feel somewhat like a defender in a forward's body.

Simpson, the Illinois Journal Athlete of the Week, played defense for coach Gene Baker during both her freshman and sophomore campaigns, but was moved up front this season for her senior year.

"I like it up top," Simpson said. "And I enjoy playing there. I feel comfortable and confident. But, I think I'm better at defense. Defense is what I really enjoy playing."

It would be difficult to guess by the way Simpson has been dishing out assists and scoring goals this season. She already has five goals and four assists and is part of an attack that has scored 34 goals, while allowing only three, in the first 10 games.

"Roxie Simpson strikes the ball extremely well," Baker said. "She takes most of our

corner kicks and free kicks. She is very strong and very accurate with her strikes."

Simpson has been playing competitive soccer since age 4, and has played select soccer since age 9.

It was while playing select ball—before the start of the high school soccer season one year ago—that Simpson broke her leg and missed her entire junior campaign.

"Coach Baker made me a member of the team even though I couldn't play," Simpson said. (See SIMPSON, Page 3B)



## Refusal to quit leads East Side to no end

Two gems of wisdom I was taught as a child now seem mutually exclusive following a recent 50-0 hurt put on East St. Louis by Collinsville in a Southwestern Conference girls softball game.

Collinsville's 50 runs scored is the fourth-highest all time total in the state of Illinois. And the 50-run margin in a whitewash represents the second worst shutout in state history. Chicago Clemente annihilated Chicago Flower Vocational 58-0 on May 22, 1995.

But back to the wisdom. "Quit while the quittin's



Patrick  
Heston

good," I heard the old-timers say as I was growing up. In other words, get out while you still have a chance. And, especially, get out before you end up in the record books.

Give the Kahoks some credit beyond their softball skills. (See HESTON, Page 4B)

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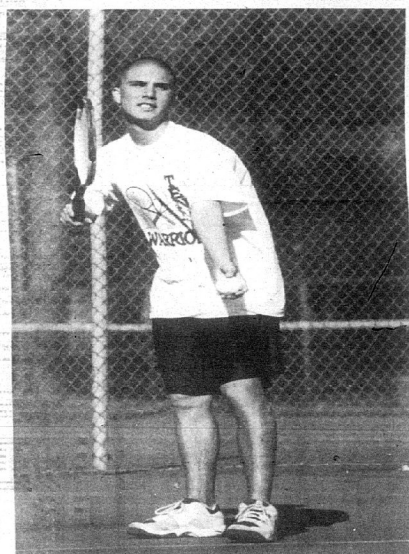


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Left: Granite City junior Becky Bargiel races past Collinsville's Amy Rudy in the 400 relay during a recent meet.  
Below: GCHS junior Steve Mennemeyer makes an attempt in the long jump.



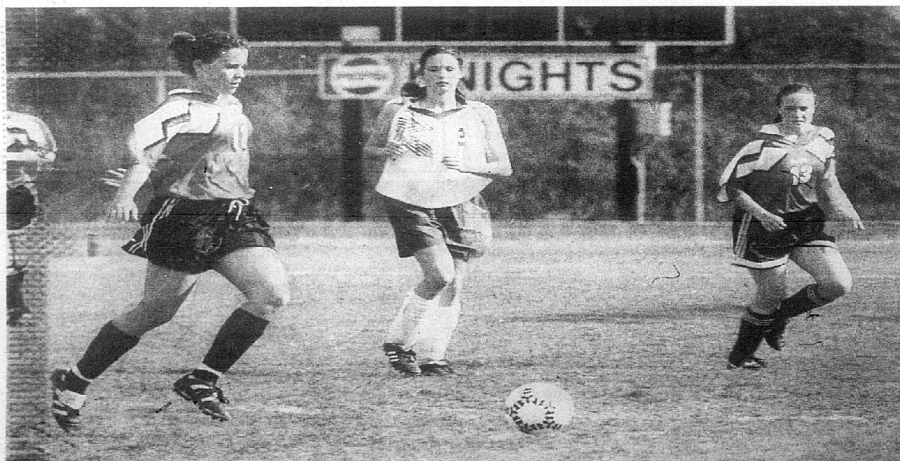
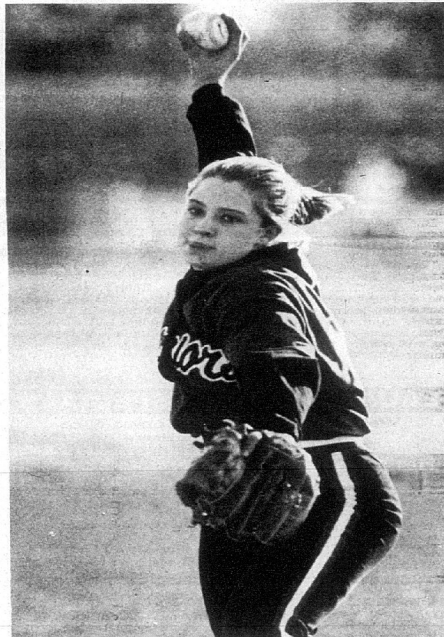
Left: Freshman hurdler Angela Kromraj competes in a race at Collinsville.



Above: GCHS tennis player Chris Carpenter prepares to serve.



Above: Ryan Relleke makes the turn for home.  
Below: Mikal Guffey extends his lead at first base.  
Right: Jessica Stratman delivers a pitch.



Above: Erika Todd (left) advances the ball past Valerie DeVerger of Francis Howell as teammate Michelle Montgomery (right) keeps pace during

play in the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout.  
Right: Jenna Wright slides home.



Felicia Mohse  
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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)  
Felicia Mohsen makes a pass. The Lady Warriors play at Belleville East on Tuesday.

## •Kickers — •GCHS

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left side, almost to the line, and shot into traffic. The ball bounced off the keeper to Felicia Mohsen, who blasted it into the goal for a 2-0 advantage.

GCHS had a half-dozen more chances in the half, including a 40-yard free kick by Meyers. The keeper was barely able to stave the shot over the goal.

St. Joseph's made a two-minute run at the 74:00 mark, taking three corner kicks and putting four strong shots on goal, but the GCHS defense and keeper Shannon Roth came up big each time. The shutout was the Lady Warriors' third of the tournament and Roth's eighth of the season.

Baker called St. Joseph's "a very good team with a lot of speed and good depth. They substitute freely and lose nothing in the exchange. They are a better team than Nerinx Hall that tied us on Thursday."

But Baker's focus, and the focus of his team, turned quickly to No. 1 Incarnate Word.

"Tournaments are all about stamina and consistency," Baker said. "If you lack either one, you can't survive. To be a tournament team, you have to handle injuries and the like. Tournaments are about enduring and winning in spite of difficulties."

## •GCHS

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dies, covering the distance in 42 seconds flat and more than two seconds ahead of his nearest competitor.

Placing second were the 4x100 (43.9 seconds) and 4x200 (1:33.7) relay teams, while the Warriors placed fourth in the 4x800 (8:42.1).

Huckelberry placed second in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.6 seconds, just four-tenths of a second off the winning pace.

Third-place honors went to Dane Bauer in both the 100 (11.0) and 200 (23.3) dashes, and to Rocky Smith, who cleared an even 6-0 in the high jump.

Curtis Howard had a pair of fourth-place finishes, sprinting the 100 in 11 flat and the 200 in 23.3.

Kevin Atkins placed fifth in the 200, covering the course in a time of 2:09.3. Placing in the field events were Joe Laird, seventh in the discus (120 feet); Steve Menzies, seventh in the long jump (20-6); Rocky Smith, eighth in the long jump (20-5); Jeremy Hunter, sixth in the triple jump (41-0); George Wolfe, seventh in the triple jump (40-10); and Mike Simpson, eighth in the high jump (5-8).

"This was the best meet

## •Simpson

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said. "It really hurt not to be a part of our success last season. I wanted to contribute on the field, but all I could do was encourage the kids on the sidelines. I was at every game. I watched them play at state. It was a hard year."

As a result of sitting out this year because I hadn't played for Coach Baker since I was a sophomore. But it's been great. Before, I had always played left back. This year I started at forward. But I have loved every minute of it. It is great to be playing again, to be a part of this year's success.

Simpson is hoping the year will culminate with a state championship for the Lady Warriors. Granite City placed third at state last season and has returned most of its team.

"I definitely have added incentive this year, knowing I'm all of last season," she said. "I'm really, really pumped, excited, about this season. I missed going to state as a part of last year's team and that makes me more ready to go this year. We're

"I have loved every minute of it. It is great to be playing again, to be a part of this year's success."

— Roxie Simpson  
GCHS senior

good enough to go, good enough to win. This is without a doubt the best team I have ever played on."

In addition to a powerful shot, Simpson has great speed, though she admits to being a step slower since she broke her leg. Along with Ismahane Mosen and Erika Todd, she is among the fastest players on a team possessing great overall speed.

Playing with teammates such as Todd, the Mosen and Montgomery sisters, Jaime Dellbringer and others, just makes Simpson's game that much better.

"When you play with quality players like we have on this team," she said, "it helps your own game immensely. You can

take care of your job up front and not have to worry about what happens behind you if you make a mistake. You can go all out, gamble at times, and take some chances because there's such solid defense behind you."

Roxie is not the only soccer player in the Simpson family. Her brother, Eric, played four years for the Warriors. And her mother currently plays at Soccer For Fun.

"Mom started playing soccer after I did," Roxie Simpson said. "She enjoys it. And she likes to kick the ball to me a lot in the back yard."

As far as playing with GCHS, Simpson sees the state championship as a very reachable goal.

And as for personal goals, "I just want to play well the rest of the season and have fun," she said. "I'm not really interested in recognitions and awards. I simply want to play well and help my team out."

Each week one prep varsity athlete will be selected by the Journal sports staff as the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week. Selected athletes will be featured in newspapers throughout the Journals' coverage area.)

## METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Alton	11-1	11-1
Belleville East	6-1	13-2
Edwardsville	5-2	15-2
Collinsville	4-3	9-4
Belleville West	3-4	8-7
Grass Valley	2-3	4-6
East St. Louis	1-4	1-6
ESL Lincoln	0-3	0-6

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Roxana	3-1	10-7
Highland	3-1	8-6
Civic Memorial	2-1	5-7
Triad	2-2	5-6
Mascoutah	2-4	5-11
Wood River	0-4	2-7

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Waterloo	6-0	11-5
New Athens	6-0	11-4
Wesclin	4-1	13-3
Dupo	4-3	12-6
Frederburg	4-3	9-9
Carlyle	2-2	6-6
Lebanon	1-2	2-7
Columbia	1-3	3-12
Marissa	2-5	3-8
Red Bud	1-5	6-9
Breezy C.	0-9	2-17

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
Alhambra	2-0	2-5
Cahokia	0-1	2-6

## METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	6-0	14-2
Belleville West	4-1	10-1
Edwardsville	5-2	15-3
Alton	4-3	5-7
Grass Valley	3-4	6-7
Collinsville	2-4	6-7
ESL Lincoln	1-6	1-8
East St. Louis	0-7	0-8

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Civic Memorial	5-0	8-3
Highland	5-1	12-4
Jerseyville	5-2	9-7
Yorckville	5-2	9-7
Triad	2-3	3-6
Wood River	1-4	1-14
Roxana	0-7	0-14

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Marissa	6-0	8-1
Lebanon	4-1	7-5
Wesclin	2-1	10-5
Dupo	2-2	7-5
Breezy C.	4-2	9-4
Carlyle	3-2	7-5
Red Bud	2-4	4-8
Waterloo	2-4	5-13
Frederburg	2-5	6-13
New Athens	1-5	2-10
Carlyle	0-5	0-12

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Alhambra	2-0	2-5
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## METRO EAST SOCCER

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Granite City	2-0	9-10
Alton	2-0	5-10
Collinsville	2-1	5-10
Edwardsville	0-1	5-11
Belleville East	0-1	8-12
Belleville West	0-2	2-6-9
ESL Lincoln	0-3	0-10

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Triad	5-0-1	5-0-1
Roxana	2-0-1	4-1-1
Wood River	1-2-1	2-4-1
Civic Memorial	0-2-2	0-6-2

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Alhambra	7-1-0	7-1-0
O'Fallon	8-2-1	8-2-1
Marquette	4-2-1	4-2-1
Gibault	2-5-0	2-5-0
M.E. Lutheran	1-3-0	1-3-0
Cahokia	1-4-0	1-4-0

## Prairie State tryout dates kicking off

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now being formed for the Southwestern North Region in the 14th annual Prairie State Games June 27-29.

The Southwestern North Region used to be included in the Southern Region, but the Prairie State Games has expanded from eight regions to 12 to make the games more accessible for everyone. Players picked for the teams will represent the region against the state's 11 other regions in the PSG Finals June 27-29 in Southwestern Illinois.

To be eligible, athletes must either be a resident or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Fayette, Bond and Calhoun. There are two divisions: Scholastic (athletes currently in grades 8-12) and Open (beyond 12th grade).

The tryouts and contacts for the sports are as follows:

## BASKETBALL

Open Men — 3 p.m. May 31 and June 1, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Student Fitness Center, J.J. Bragg (656-8096).

Open Women — noon May 31 and June 1, SIUE, Student Fitness Center, Anthony Smith (652-1380).

Scholastic Men — 1 p.m. May 4, Highland High School, Jeff Faulkenberg (654-5329).

Scholastic Women — TBA.

Bob Emig (632-1002).

## SOCCER

Open Men — 6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Norm Seim (667-2827).

Open Women — 6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Gene Briggs (876-4719).

Scholastic Men — 6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Norm Seim (667-2827).

Scholastic Women — 6 p.m. May 4 and May 18, Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, SIUE, Terry and Eric Mitchell (452-0908).

## VOLLEYBALL

Open Men — 4 p.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Rick Verdun (656-7719).

Open Women — 9-11 a.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Gina James (667-8121).

Scholastic Men — 2 p.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Darren Isaak (482-2458).

Scholastic Women — 11 a.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Stacey Coffman (377-9066).

THE ENTRY fee to try out is \$18 and includes a souvenir (See GAMES, Page 48)

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### Sports Day

The annual Granite City Grade School Sports Day for girls is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, with the boys on Wednesday, May 21. The event will be held at Maryville Grade School beginning at 9 a.m. both days.

### Football camp

St. Louis Rams linebacker Robert Jones will hold a youth instructional football camp June 12-17 at Blackhawk College in Carlinville.

The camp, for boys ages 8-18, will feature instruction from members of the Rams. Scheduled to work the camp are Tony Banks, Leo Goetz, Leslie O'Neill, Eddie Kenon, Jimmie Jones, Harold Green, Roman Phifer, Wayne Gandy and others.

Jones will be at the camp every day. For more information, call 1-800-555-0801.

### Soccer Academy

Bob Warming's St. Louis Soccer Academy will hold several summer camps for boys this year.

The Elite Academy, for boys ages 13-19, is scheduled for

July 20-24. The Advanced Academy, for boys ages 9-14, meets July 27-31. The Goal Scoring and Goal Keeping Academy, for boys ages 10-19, is July 24-26. The Goalkeeping Specialty Training Academy meets three times — July 28-29, July 31-32, and July 27-31 — and is open to boys ages 10-19.

For more information or an application, call (314) 977-3268 or write to St. Louis Soccer Academy, 3672 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., 63108.

### FCA camp

The St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold a football camp July 23-27 and a baseball camp July 27-30. The football camp staff includes Scott Swafford, head football coach at Wentzville High School; Larry Kimbom, head coach at Washington University; and Bob Christian of the Carolina Panthers. The staff for the baseball camp includes Kevin Bowers, head baseball coach at New Seckman High School, and many others.

The cost for each camp is \$150. For more information, call the FCA office at (314)

863-3322.

### Bantam tourney

The Chesterfield (Mo.) Community Association has added a 16-team Bantam I level to its Independence Day holiday baseball tournament to be held July 3-6. The open tournament still has a few slots remaining at three other levels: Atom 2, Bantam II and Midget II.

There is a three-game guarantee. The team entry fee is \$110. Call Mike Cremer (314-919-9830) or Joe Maas (314-688-8827) for more information.

### Sports physicals

Pre-participatory sports physicals will be offered by the Granite City School District 6:30 p.m. May 21-22 at the Wolf Building, Physical Medicine Department, 2100 Madison Ave. The cost is \$25 and the physical is good for one calendar year, and it is accepted by the Illinois High School Association. For more information, call Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943. All students who require any immunizations are exempt.

## Journal Writers' Poll Baseball

### LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Francis Howell N. (13-0).....70
2. Belleville East (11-1).....63
3. Edwardsville (14-2).....54
4. Oakville (10-2-1).....43
5. Parkway Central (9-3).....37
6. Fox (11-3).....35
7. Pattonville (8-3).....21
8. Hillsboro (11-5).....16
9. McCluer (7-5).....13
10. Troy (11-4).....10

Also receiving votes: Parkway North, Lafayette, Waterloo, Fort Zumwalt South

### SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Eureka (9-3).....69
2. Crystal City (8-2).....60
3. St. Mary's (8-2).....56
4. Windsor (8-1).....43
5. Dupu (12-4).....38
6. Westcliff (11-1).....30
7. Clayton (8-2).....27
8. Gibault (11-4).....25
9. Lutheran South (7-2).....13
10. St. Charles (6-3).....7

Also receiving votes: Valley Park, Affton, Festus, Mary Institute-Country Day

## Journal Writers' Poll Girls Soccer

### Week of April 30

1. Incarnate Word (14-0-2).....67
2. Grace City (7-1).....57
3. Francis Howell North (11-2-1).....57
4. St. Joseph's Academy (8-2-1).....45
5. Lafayette (9-2).....36
6. Notre Dame (8-3-1).....20
7. Hazelwood Central (9-3).....20
8. Fort Zumwalt South (8-2-2).....18
9. Parkway Central (6-2).....16
10. Norix Hall (4-4-1).....12

Also receiving votes: Lindbergh, McCluer North, St. Dominic, O'Fallon

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Scholastic Women — 11 a.m. May 18, Civic Memorial High School, Stacey Coffman (377-9666).

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The Collinsville coaching staff offered the Flyers' coaches a way out. The Kahoks were willing to end the game early, considering the insurmountable margin East Side had to overcome, and even made the generous offer several times. But the Flyers refused.

It's not like this was the first time East St. Louis was on the receiving end of a blowout this season. In the process of digging themselves into an 0-7 start, the Flyers have been outscored 202-2. That's an average of 28.9 runs allowed per game, while scoring just one run every 3.4 games. You'd think after being so abused for so long, that East Side would "quit while the quitten's good."

But there's another gem of wisdom at work here.

"Persistence pays off," I

was always taught. Suck it up, stick it out, hang in there, don't quit — that's the wisdom of the ages. Problem is, I'm not sure Socrates or Buddha or Confucius or even Zig Ziglar ever played high school softball. I'll be Buddha could have hit the ball a mile, but whether or not he could have ever run to first base is problematic. And, even if these great reservoirs of human wisdom did play softball, it's unlikely they were losers in a 50-0 game where they had been offered a way out.

Then again, the ancient Hindus may have taken their definition of Nirvana from just such an experience. After all, as Hindus define it, Nirvana is literally a blowing out or extinction (of the flame of life) and reunion with Brahma. To me it sounds like the Hindus knew what it was to lose a 50-0 softball game.

But, whether they did or not, East St. Louis certainly does.

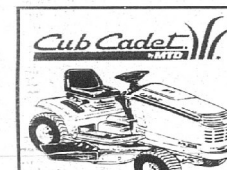
There's no question the Flyers were persistent. The only question is, "How did such persistence pay off?" In this instance, the answer seems to be that it paid off for Collinsville.

The whole thing puts me in a quandary. Which gem of wisdom do I buy into? Which do I use as a guiding principle for my life? I quit while the quitten's good, or do I keep going, confident that "persistence pays off?"

It's going to be a long search to find the answer.

But, I'm optimistic. Surely, somewhere high in the snow-capped peaks of Tibet, there's an Eastern mystic who has had some experience losing softball games.

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## How do you feel about the government asking for volunteers to help the disadvantaged?



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Interviews by Shirley Valencia  
Interviewed at Granite City YMCA

## Has the world gone crazy?

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

When going (some might say "fishing") through the stack of mail on my desk this week, I came across a couple of items that baffled me.

Is it just me or has the world gone nuts?

First in the mail stack was a newsletter called "Skeptical Inquirer: The Magazine for Science and Reason." It turns out the publisher, The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, is a pseudo-scientific organization. The newsletter railed on television shows such as the popular "X-Files" and "Millennium" and movies like "Independence Day" that include psychic or paranormal activities in the plotline.

According to the newsletter, such shows are confusing and misleading the public — especially our children — about science and facts. These shows are doing irreparable harm to our future, the organization claims.

A writer for one of the shows responded to the attack: "I just write to entertain."

And that's why I go to the movies — to be entertained. If I want to learn about science, I'll read a textbook.

Second in the stack was a 34-page slick magazine called: "Psychic Education: The Road to Ruin." Published by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (established by a popular "church" based on the West Coast), the magazine explained how our children in school are simply laboratory rats. The cover photo depicts students as zombies, with no

eyes and dumbfounded expressions on their faces. Psychiatrists, the magazine goes on to say, are all quacks — many of whom are suicidal, drug abusers or sexual abusers of patients. They have placed labels on our children and pushed drugs down their throats, according to the magazine, which promotes a pledge to "eliminate ... all dangerous and invasive psychiatric/psychologically based programs, assessments, and tests from our schools and funding thereof."

Now I'm as concerned as the next parent about what they are teaching my child in health class, for example. But it seems to me that some children are different from others. Some children do need help to cope with situations others can handle. It seems to me psychiatry is trying to help people, not undermine our society as the magazine claims.

Third in the pile was a press release promoting a fully interactive video game called "Battlefield Earth" based on a novel by (drumroll please) the founder of the "church" mentioned above. The one that says psychiatry is ruining our country.

The game is a story of conquest and revolt in the year 3000, when giant, gas-breathing aliens from the planet Psychlo invade Earth and the handful of human survivors fight a roving band of wolves and other snarls and dangers, including an evil alien invader. "At stake in the struggle ... is the future of Earth and the galaxy," the press release proclaims.

Sounds a lot healthier for a child than a therapy session, don't you think?

Those who wish to partake of this cathartic exercise can check out the "Battlefield Earth" website (<http://www.battlefieldearth.com>).

Fourth there was a series of releases about President Clinton's trip from Arkansas to Washington being littered by mysterious deaths. "Deaths follow the money trail," "Citizen alert: YOU might be a target!" and "Wake up America before you wake up dead!" are headlines on the fliers exclaim.

They allege that Americans have no idea about the "New World Order" conspiracy to take over our country, that there is a Zionist-Communist plot to overthrow the world and enslave 15 million people in Alaska, and that a total of 10 concentration camps were activated during the administration of Ronald Reagan.

The fliers point out that the following actions can be taken by executive order: seizure of all communications media by the federal government; seizure of all electrical power, fuels, gasoline and minerals; seizure of all food, farms and equipment; seizure of all

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## Funds sought for organization

TO THE EDITOR:

The Washington Park Emergency Organization Inc., a non-profit organization serving the Metro East, is seeking ads for its 1997 Building Fund Ad Book.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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Incredibly, those members of Heaven's Gate abandoned the very best of God's green Earth to go to a mystical "higher level," which actually is an elusive blob in the universe unfit for any kind of life.

At least they were searching for something higher, unlike us here in Madison County where we seem to worship something at a lower level called an enterprise zone.

The American Bottoms has some of the richest soil in the world, over a wonderful aquifer that provides good water to many prosperous towns. We ought to be protecting our precious soil and water, but instead, we want a giant warehouse plopped right in the middle of the floodland. Additional drainage problems and sewer breakages, on top of existing floodwater emergencies, compound the imagination.

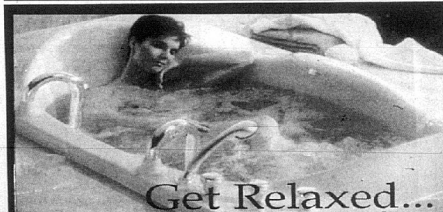
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I can attest to the benefits and facts of organ donation because I probably wouldn't be alive today if it weren't for an organ donor. I'm a kidney recipient, and I'm grateful for the gift that was given to me.

First, readers should know that just signing the back of their drivers licenses is not enough; they need to tell their family.

Second, as I mentioned earlier, donation does not cost the donor or the donor family.

And third, the allocation of an organ is done by a blind system that is fair. People who are wealthy, well-known or powerful do NOT get preferential treatment. Everyday people like me get organs all the time.

More than 1,200 are waiting locally and 50,000 nationally for lifesaving organ transplant.

Please take time to discuss this important issue with your family. And remember, you can save someone's life.

**SUE MONKEN**  
Kidney transplant recipient, 1992  
Highland

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Each letter must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the author. Only the name and city will be printed, but authors may be called for verification purposes. The "Opinion Shapers" column is open to those interested in writing at length on a topic of current interest. You may contact Bob Slate at 877-7700 if you are interested in submitting an article for this column.

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# Litany on the prairie

## A resting place for baby Joles in Southern Illinois

By Grover Brinkman  
Often a writer will condemn a script in the first paragraph. Perhaps the effort is too flamboyant, badly styled, or even worse, a statement that "this is a true story," instantly arousing an editor's suspicion. There is no time to check the authenticity, so the editor reaches for that dreaded anathema of all writers, a rejection slip.

Yet with all of these odds, this writer must make a simple statement. This is a true story.

The grave of baby Joles is still there, along the roadway in southern Illinois. Perhaps you still doubt, contending that this writer embellished the truth a bit, fictionalizing parts of the story to add to its dramatic impact. Editors are often faced with a manuscript like this. On the negative side adverse reader reaction might be injurious. On the other side of the coin, if they reject the story, and later see it in print in a competitive journal, it might spoil their day, to say the least.

So to prove a story, there must be an aura of fact. Baby Joles' grave in the corner of this family cemetery is an actual artifact of proof.

For this story, remember, is about a frantic gypsy father and mother, seeking a place to bury an infant child who died on the road. The time clock was soon after the turn of the

century, when gypsy clans still roved the back roads of mid-America in horse-drawn covered wagons that resembled the Dutch Constogels with its billowing canvas.

Joey was a cousin of this journalist, at the time spending a summer vacation at the farm of my father.

"There are three covered wagons coming up the drive," he said, pointing. Now the first wagon pulled up in the barnyard, and a young man and woman climbed down from the high seat. The woman was barefoot, wore a red skirt, with her raven hair plaited into two long braids. They were sober-faced and glum, the woman's face tear-stained.

"We saw this small cemetery, over there in the meadow," the man began. "Our family graveyard," father said.

"Our new-born infant, Baby Joles, died in the night," the mother sobbed.

"We're looking for a burial spot," the man said soberly. My father responded quickly, with his usual kind-heartedness.

"I suppose we could spare a spot in the corner of the cemetery," he said.

"What would be the charge?" the mother queried. "No charge! No charge at all!"

Tears started in the woman's eyes. "You are very kind,

"We will make the internment, come back next year for a visit."

As they climbed back to the wagon seat, Joey whispered: "She has a bracelet of small gold coins about her right ankle!"

The wagons stopped at the cemetery gate, and father showed them where to dig the grave.

And finally a tiny blanket-wrapped form was lowered into its bed of clay.

An elderly man, a black sash about his forehead, moved to the head of the grave. He raised the violin he carried. A haunting melody started, reminiscent of a long-time skill. Finally the music died down to a whisper, and a strange litany started, unintelligible for it was in a foreign tongue.

"Will you keep the weeds off our baby's grave?" the young mother asked. My father nodded. "My son was the caretakers here."

This should end the story. But there is an appendix.

The next summer the same

wagons stopped at our farm, and the father asked permission to visit the cemetery.

The husband and wife knelt at the baby's grave, smiled when they saw it was weed-free. The father hammered down a cross fashioned of walnut, a very enduring wood. On it were words cut into the wood: Baby Joles.

The cross is rotted away now, replaced by a field stone as a marker.

I still have the small gold coin that the mother handed me for mowing the weeds. I still remember that strange Romany litany, and the haunting melody that came from the old man's violin.

The last time that this Gypsy clan visited they came in vans, not prairie schooners.

"We don't forget the graves of our loved ones," the mother said to father. She was older now, her feet encased in sandals. But the gold coins were still around her right ankle.

Grover Brinkman is a writer who lives in Columbia.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### State school funding unfair

TO THE EDITOR:  
The way Illinois funds its public schools is unfair. Our children are the biggest losers under the current system that makes local property wealth the biggest determining factor as to if a child has an opportunity to receive a quality education.

Some Illinois school districts with low property tax revenues have less than \$3,000 available to spend on each child while other districts can spend nearly \$16,000 per student.

Clearly, children in a district where fewer than \$3,000 are spent per student are not getting an educational experience comparable to that received by the children on whom nearly \$16,000 is spent.

Passage of the Fair School Funding proposal, offered by a coalition of educators and parents, will mean lower local property taxes and a modest increase in the Illinois personal income tax. The result would be better education opportunities for all the children of Illinois.

Fair School Funding is not a "Robin Hood" approach to

solving the Illinois school funding mess. It seeks to bring the bottom up, not to lower those near the top. Areas who wish to tax themselves additionally to spend more on education will continue to be able to do so.

In short, the system is broken. It's not fair. The members of the Fair School Funding Initiative Coalition have offered a proposal designed to bring fairness to Illinois school funding, and I encourage everyone to call their legislators and urge them to pass fair funding during the current session.

JUDITH SCHARDAN  
Caseville

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modes of transportation, including personal cars; seizure of all civilians for work under federal supervision; federal takeover of all health, education and welfare (hasn't that already happened?); seizure of all aircraft and airports by the government; and seizure of all roads, inland waterways and storage facilities.

To find out more about the impending doom of our world, you can check out The Secret History of the United States (<http://ucunix.san.uc.edu/~saylorm/welcome.html>); Internet Patriot (Glenn Farkas) (<http://www.logoplex.ehrarex.com>).

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## ORGANIZATIONS

### Retired Office Personnel

Retired Office Personnel, Granite City School District #9, held their March meeting at the House of Plenty in Highland. Those in attendance were Alice Campbell, Dorothy Lamer, Marcelle Plucher, Frieda Andrews, Millie Chandler, Arlene Staldeman, Helen Tonoff and June Mercer. Dorothy Lamer, April Hostess, is making reservations at Casa Gallia.

do, Fairview Heights.

### Legion Auxiliary

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, held its meeting on Monday, March 3, 1997, at Post 307 in Venice. Norma Hillmer was hostess and served 17 members. Dorot HRAREXy Hinson, President, conducted the business meeting. Mary Hallinger, Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman, collected \$7.75 for this fund. A donation of \$35 will be sent to the Department.

Pauline Mesinger, Community Service Chairman, announced bingo for the Colonial Haven on March 13 and Colonades on March 20.

Norma Hillmer, Bylaws Chairman, reviewed the changes in Unit 307 Bylaws and Standing Rules and they were accepted. Report to be made to the Department.

Dorothy Hinson, Juniors Chairman, reported a good candy sale, but still have some to sell. Plans are being made for the Juniors to

attend the Junior Department Conference in Springfield in April. Frances Cowley, Past Presidents Chairman, asked that a donation be made to the Nurses Scholarship program. It was done. She announced a 5th Division Past Presidents luncheon will be held on April 19th at the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake and a 22nd District Past Presidents dinner at Collinsville on April 30.

Dorothy Hinson, Co-chairman for V.A. and R., made plans to have a bingo party at the Jefferson Barracks V.A. Nursing Home on March 11. Miss Hinson thanked the volunteers who helped at the John Cochran VA on February 13 with the "Salute to hospitalized Veterans" and on February 14 at the Jefferson Barracks V.A. with the refreshments for the "Creative Arts Festival". Betty Nugent, National Security Chairman, asked members to report to her on the number of Savings Bonds purchased for self or as gifts during this year.

Fifth Division Poppy meeting and regular meeting will be held on April 8 at the Nashville American Legion. Poppy Day will be Friday, May 23. March 22 at 6:30 p.m. a final Birthday Party for Post and Unit 307 will be held in the large hall in Venice. The building is being sold and this will be our farewell to the building. Meal and music tickets will be \$10. The attendance prize was won by Rose Cooper.

The Unit 307 Auxiliary will meet next time at the Madison V.F.W. in March.

Bingo followed the business meeting.

**Auxiliary Junior Group**  
The 22nd District, American Legion Auxiliary Junior Groups, held their quarterly meeting at the West Park Bowl in Columbia. The Cahokia Unit 754 Juniors was the hostess group. Lunch was served and a short meeting held.

Following the meeting, the girls bowled two games. Prize winners were Cathy Moreland and Laura Martin, both from Venice-Madison Unit 307.

Those attending from Venice-Madison 307 besides the prize winners were Kasele Hillmer and Kaleigh Peery. Seniors attending were Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson. From the East St. Louis Unit 53 were Erica Mitchell, Junior member, and Mike Murphree, Senior member. From the Columbia Unit 581 were two Juniors, Laura and Kristin Straub. From the hostess group Cahokia Unit 754 were Kelly Payne, Junior member, and Margaret Payne, Senior member.

The next meeting will be held at Granite City Post 113 with the Venice-Madison Unit 307 Juniors as hostess group.

### TRIO Unit

TRIO Unit of Madison County Association for Home and Community Education met for their monthly meeting at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City at noon, March 4, 1997, with 25 members and no guests present.

The members enjoyed a delicious potluck. Hostesses for the meeting were Lucille Etheridge, Roberta Cottrell, Shirley Thompson and Eunice Wilkerson.

President Sarah Huber opened (See ORGANIZATIONS, Page 88)

the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Sarah introduced the local leaders Gen Hill and Markku Lybarger, who presented a very informative lesson on "Gardening - Herbs." Secretary Roberta Cottrell had the roll call. She also read the minutes of the Feb. 4th meeting, the treasurer's report and correspondence from Lorna Henson thanking the unit for the get well card she had received.

Get well cards will be sent to Pauline Nicholls, Marguerite O'Neil and Lorna Henson.

First Vice President Lucille Sackett attended the kick-off luncheon in Edwardsville. She informed the unit of a new non-hormonal drug being used in the treatment of osteoporosis.

Committee report on Cultural Enrichment was given by Judy Schatz. The next craft day members should meet at 10 a.m. and bring any craft they are interested in working on with them.

Sarah Huber made the announcement that the April meeting is being changed from the 1st to the Tuesday, April 8th, at Hope Lutheran Church.

Naomi Chapman gave out attendance prizes to Lorne Anderson, Helen Miller, Wilma Pulaski and Vivian Forchese.

### HCE Association

The Granite City Unit of Madison County Association H.C.E. met at the Anderson Recreation Center on March 4th. They were honored by the visit of Viola Huebner President of the County Board.

The invocation was given by Flo Stokes. After this a delicious lunch was served by the hostesses Ann Miller and Sophie Thomas.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited by all and the Homemakers Aim was led by Vincine Zerlan.



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## NEWS

## Tour is set for June 5

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a one-day trip on Thursday, June 5, to the Godfrey/Brussels/Alton area. The group will leave the Wilson Park Ice Rink at 8:30 a.m. and journey to the Wildflower, Herb Farm and Inn near Godfrey. A 10 a.m. tour will be led by owner Tom Thompson, who will explain the many areas of the gardens such as Biblical, English folklore, culinary, potpourri, medicinal, etc. — all currently growing with herbs.

At this time of the summer, many will be in bloom and at their peak fragrance. Thompson will explain the many uses of herbs, along with hints and ideas for drying and decorating. He will describe how to make herbal vinegars used in cooking or fresh salads. Herbs will be for sale, along with dried items and many other offerings.

After leaving the farm, the motorcoach will travel to the Brussels area, cross the ferry and deliver the group to the Whimman Restaurant for a complete family-style meal. The restaurant, located in an old hotel, is a true landmark of the area with a reputation for excellent food.

The trip will end in late afternoon back at Wilson Park.

Trip tickets will go on sale at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at the Ice Rink. The cost of the trip is \$33 per person and must be paid at the time of registration.

Residents of the park district will have priority and must show proof of residency at the time of sign-up. Non-residents will be placed on the waiting list immediately, and those wanting to be placed on the waiting list by phone may do so after noon on May 13. Non-residents will be notified one week later if they are able to make the trip. One person can register from one to four people.

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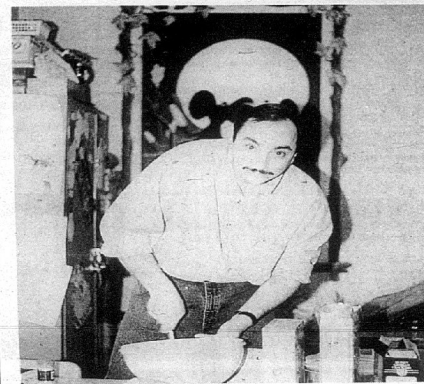
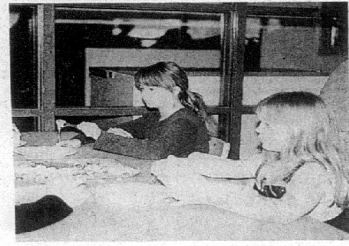
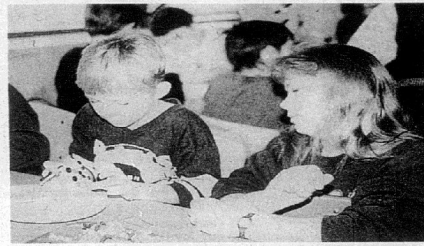
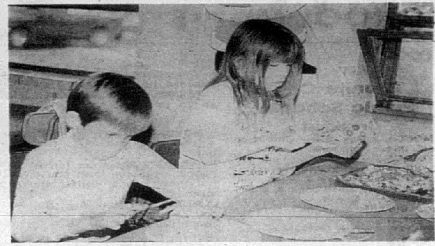
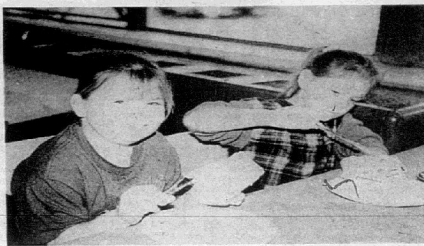
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**Gingerbread houses** — **TOP LEFT:** Melissa Sullivan (left) and Brittany James, third grade students at Frohardt School, decorate their gingerbread houses.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Matt Brown (left) and Kelsey Johnson spread icing on their gingerbread houses.  
**MIDDLE LEFT:** Zach Lungwitz (left) decorates the front of his house as his mother watches.  
**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Kelli Laub (left) checks the icing while Brittany Davidson begins construction of her gingerbread house.  
**LEFT:** Parent Roger Mueller mixes the icing. Parents helped their children enjoy making gingerbread houses.

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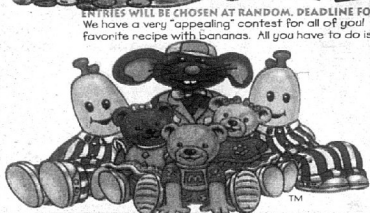


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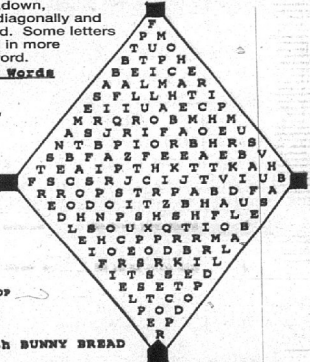
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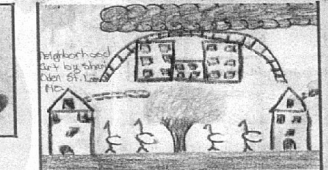
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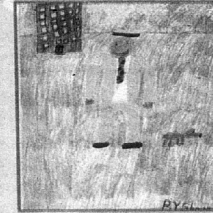
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3:00pm Bugs n' Daffy  
3:30pm Animaniacs  
4:00pm Gargoyles  
4:30pm Quick Pack (Tues-  
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5:00pm Full House  
5:30pm Hangin' with Mr. Cooper  
6:00pm Step by Step

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7:00am The Daffy Duck Show  
7:30am Animaniacs  
8:00am Superman  
8:30am Road Rovers  
9:00am Waynehead

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# Internet helping to reunite 'war buddies'

By Scott Hickey  
Staff writer

A local man is reaching over the Internet to rebuild the bridges of friendship that were forged more than 30 years ago, half a globe away.

Gene Kuentzler, a South St. Louis County resident, founded the 19th Combat Engineer Battalion Vietnam Association 10 years ago. He said his goal with the group was to get in touch with the friends he had

made while serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

"I didn't talk much to anybody about my experiences in Vietnam when I came home. I was married two years before my wife even knew I was a vet," he said, laughing. "She's the one who inspired me to try to track down the guys I'd served with."

Kuentzler said with his wife's encouragement, he started the slow process of

looking for his long-lost war buddies.

"Before computers, the only way you could find someone you served with was by putting an ad in a Veterans of Foreign War or American Legion magazine," he said.

Times have changed, and now the 19th Engineers Association has its own web page and quarterly newsletter. Many of the members recently returned from the group's 10th anniversary celebration in

Kokomo, Ind.

"Computers have helped us find most of the 230 vets from the 19th," he said. "But the biggest boost came after Desert Storm, when America felt a renewed sense of patriotism. A lot of the guys felt better about being a Vietnam veteran and wanted to show their support for the troops."

During its five-year service in Vietnam, the 19th Combat Engineer Battalion was in

charge of upgrading and maintaining the main coastal highway, which runs north to south along the eastern coast of Vietnam.

Kuentzler said the reunions are a healthy and supportive place for members to remember the good and bad times they spent "in country," and a way to help heal their emotional wounds.

"One of the guys who just started coming to the reunions said he would drive by but

could never bring himself to stop," he said. "This group has helped a lot of us feel better about ourselves and rekindled those old friendships."

Kuentzler said being the historian for the 19th Engineer Association is a labor of love.

"We put out a quarterly newsletter that gives some of the guys a chance to talk about their war stories," he said. "Not those cheesy Rambo stories, but a look at some of the lighter times we all had."

The address for the 19th Engineer Association's web page is <http://home.earthlink.net/~tldengr19>.

(Editor's note: The Journal computer does not have the symbol for a tilde. Those wishing to reach the association need to type one in. It looks like a horizontal 's'.)

## Thai group visits

By Mark Hodapp  
Staff writer

Thasane Tathong said she will leave the United States with many happy memories.

"What has impressed me most is how nice the American people are," said Tathong, an English teacher at Suanboonyapathym School in Thailand.

Tathong, Werachai Choklapanun, Songwut Chongmekkumak, Pusichong Potthigudai and Anan Chankhantud are visiting southern Illinois as a part of the Rotary International's Group Study Exchange Program.

Last week, the group visited Lebanon, Mascoutah and O'Fallon. This week, they will spend four days in Belleville.

Tathong, who never traveled out of her country previously, looks forward to visiting again. She said she was intrigued by many things, including the Casino Queen in East St. Louis.

"I did not play," she laughed. "But it looks like they are going to need a much larger boat."

Chankhantud said he feels at home in southern Illinois. A graduate of the University of Kansas and a member of faculty at Chiang Mai University, Chankhantud said he was impressed with MidAmerica Airport.

"I love the small town, Midwest atmosphere," he said. Chankhantud said the lifestyle is a lot different than what is portrayed on television in his country. Many of those shows portray Americans living in either an upscale lifestyle or being cowboys.

A lecturer in linguistics and English, Chankhantud said the group exchange program has been a success. He pointed out that the program not only helps foster relationships, but is also very educational.

Chankhantud said he was also impressed with McKendree and the services that it provides.

"I wish we had that kind of service in my country," he said. "I really envy McKendree."

Choklapanun, a community development officer, said he has enjoyed meeting in the area and observing community development projects here.

"It's a much different life style in my community," he said.

As community development officer, Choklapanun is responsible for rural and community development, aiming at raising the quality of life for people in his district.

He said the majority of people in his district still earn their living in farming, growing rice, vegetables, and fruit trees.

## Watch meeting set for May 12

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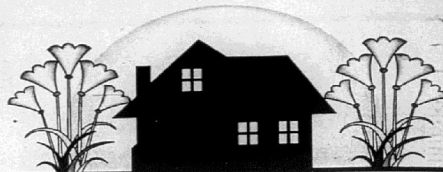
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# HOME & GARDEN



## Check out contractor thoroughly before buying new roof

Homeowners who wait to see water stains on their ceilings before calling a roofing contractor have already waited too long. By the time visible damage is done to the interior, structural damage already has occurred. Delay turns a simple re-roofing job into a major structural repair project.

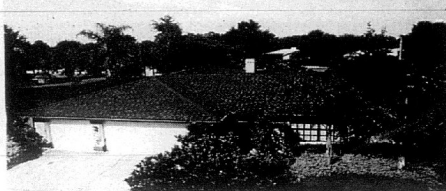
"Considering that a roof protects home, belongings and family, it's essential to detect and attend to problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Sears Home Improvement Professional Services, which replaces more roofs than any other company nationwide.

"The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. It's important to know when a new roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a roofing contractor you can trust to protect your biggest investment—your home.

### When is it time to replace your roof?

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains.

Loose or missing shingle, damaged flashing between the roof line and exterior walls, and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's



Today's roofing materials offer homeowners a number of options for beauty and durability.

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear."

**Chuck Berk**  
Sears home improvement

time to call in a roofing professional.

"Ideally, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the replacement work," Berk says. Popular roofing materials come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American homes have organic (asphalt) or fiberglass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low maintenance, versatility and price.

Today's choices include shingles with textures that

create handsome dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house.

A light-colored roof creates a spacious look, especially when paired with a light colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the home's color is also dark.

For a dramatic contrast, some homeowners choose a roof very different in color from the house. Some people prefer dark colors that absorb the sun's rays; others prefer light colors that reflect them. Because a quality roof lasts for many years, people often select a neutral tone that coordinates with most house colors.

To help visualize how various selections look, consumers should ask to see the contractor's portfolio of completed projects.

The right contractor is as important as the right roof, so homeowners should ask the right questions before signing the contract.

### Does your contractor have good references and a good record?

Berk advises consumers to ask how long the contractor has been in business (an indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references. "Time invested in calling references is worthwhile," Berk says.

"Ask if past customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends."

Is the contractor licensed and insured?

Roofing is not work for amateurs, so don't take

chances," Berk advises. "Ask to see the contractor's license and his certificates for property damage, liability and worker's compensation insurance; and call the

insurance company to be sure the policies are current."

Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long.

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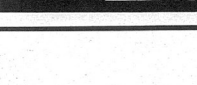
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## ENTERTAINMENT

## CATS presents Shue's 'The Foreigner'



The Collinsville Area Theatrical Society will present Larry Shue's comedy, "The Foreigner," May 2-4 and 9-10, at the Miner's Theater, 204 W. Main in Collinsville.

Englishman Charlie Baker is brought to a fishing lodge in Georgia and everyone there is told he can't speak English. With that understanding, he overhears more than he should: the evil plans of a sinister two-faced minister and his redneck associate, the fact that the minister's pretty fiancée is pregnant and many other damaging revelations.

The production includes many members of the original cast and crew when CATS (formerly Miner's Players) performed the play in March 1992. Director Shelly Hayden said those cast members are "...a little bit older and a whole lot funnier."

The Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:30 p.m.; the Sunday show, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$6 in advance. Advance tickets are available at Jonathan's Photo 55, Chamber of Commerce or Stutch 'N' Thyme.



(Photos by BRIAN HAYDEN)

Betty Meeks (Elaine Guillot), left, and Charlie Baker (Tim Roustio), rehearse a scene. Owen Musser (Frank Magurany), right, Betty Meeks (Elaine Guillot), Catherine Simms (Catherine Gallaher), Ellard Simms (Scott Morris) and Charlie Baker (Tim Roustio) perform.

## HOROSCOPE

**Sunday, May 4**  
The Aries moon is full of enthusiasm. Hopes are high, and why shouldn't they be? There is so much to accomplish to make our lives better. Mercury enters Aries, putting plans into action. Happiness results when progress is underway. If not,

lovers get rebellious and children are anxious. Nobody holds his or her tongue on any matter, so be open to another's opinion.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).**  
Meditate — jell about the house with relaxing hobbies. Listening to children or visiting with their teachers favorably alters the future. Introduce your new love to friends. Implement creative plans.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).**  
Chores can make you weary, so fight fatigue with rest and good nutrition. Be gentle with a Paces who thinks you're tops, even if you don't reciprocate the positive opinion. You'll help a friend with health problems.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).**  
If you paint or write, you'll be productive this afternoon. Make gifts by hand — they'll be a hit. Venus smiles on love and money matters. You'll splurge a little, perhaps to impress a new prospect.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).**  
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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).**  
Health problems resolve themselves with wonderful new therapies — take preventive care. Expect your mate or love to bring up an old resentment or two, so welcome the chance to clear the air.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 4).**  
The wisdom to see goals through enables you to make plans. A June move is romance-related. Libra brings

luck in July, especially as travel notes. Come August, let romance in and make the small changes. Singles: Capricorn or Leo looks good. The pressure's on at work through December, so work hard to earn that raise for next year.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**  
Exploration of your daring future plans has dawned. Plan journeys, or expand into a new business with expert associates. Take advantage of good nutrition — you're ready to take better care of yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**  
Familiarity with rules is necessary, but you are on the way to solid accomplishment, so stay true to your beliefs! A love involvement with a Sagittarius or Aries is fun, but not serious — yet.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**  
Praise and kudos hail from family. Travel is in the picture — you may represent your company or group at a gathering. A Libra may make you weak in the knees, and you can be sure the feeling is mutual.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**  
With your proven leadership record, certain duties fall naturally to you. Old friends bring new influences into your life. You'll be the contact for people to discover and exchange information.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**  
Energy and determination help you achieve your goals. You'll have a crush on a mysterious neighbor — don't let it distract you. Old family attitudes continue to affect you in your daily life.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).**  
Be true to your ideals, and don't lose faith in yourself. Your sensitivity and caring attracts a beautiful soul. Don't let emotions interfere with work. Patience and tolerance help a stressed sibling.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**  
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## OBITUARIES

### Molnar, Sister Rita

SISTER RITA MOLNAR, CDP, died the evening of Wednesday, April 29, 1997, after celebrating her 90th birthday. She was a resident of the convent at St. Elizabeth Medical Center (SEMC), Granite City, where she had ministered during her middle years.

Sister Rita was born April 27, 1907, in St. Louis. The daughter of Elizabeth (Juhász) and John Molnar, she was baptized Mary Molnar at Most Holy Trinity Church, St. Louis. The family later moved to Granite City, where they were members of St. Joseph Parish.

She entered the Community of Sisters of Divine Providence at Mount Providence, Normandy, Mo., on Dec. 8, 1942, at age 35. Sister Rita professed temporary vows on Aug. 4, 1945, and perpetual vows on Aug. 6, 1949.

She devoted her early years of religious life to work at the mother house — in the Mount Providence School for Boys during morning, motherhouse laundry, the chaplain's dining room, and the kitchen. She continued her education in ministry at St. Mary's Convent, Madison, from 1953-55 and 1962-66. In the intervening years, she supervised the laundry at SEMC.

She returned to Mount Providence in 1967 and again served the community in various ways until 1996. After the motherhouse was sold, Sister Rita, who was then in the infirmary, moved back to SEMC.

Sister Rita was fond of reading the newspaper and working crossword puzzles. She was a hobby she continued until just a few weeks before she died.

She is survived by a sister, Helen Molnar of Freeburg Nursing Home, Freeburg; and one niece, Dorothy Parks of California.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and John; and one sister, Catherine.

Services were held Saturday, May 3, at St. Bartholomew Church, Hazelwood, Mo. Burial was in the Mount Providence Cemetery, 8351 Florissant Road, Normandy, Mo.

Memorials are suggested in the form of Masses or contributions to the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Memorial Fund, c/o Development Office, 8351 Latty Avenue, Hazelwood, Mo. 63043.

Arrangements were handled by White-Mullen Mortuary, Ferguson, Mo.

**Droegge, Hedy A.**

HEDY A. (WERNER) DROEGGE, 87, of Kewanee, Wis., formerly of the Quad-Cities area, died at 5 a.m. Sunday, April 27, 1997, at Kewanee Health Care Center. Born Oct. 21, 1909, in Madison, she had been a resident of this area for 75 years prior to moving to Wisconsin 12 years ago.

Mrs. Droegge, a homemaker, was a member of A.L.O. and a member of the Lutheran Church, a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid and an adult adviser to Waiter League.

Survivors include two sons, Charles M. Droegge, 19, and John Droegge, 19, both of Granite City, and John Droegge of Denmark, Wis.; two brothers, Harry Werner of Pontiac, Mich., and Edward Werner of Pontiac, Mich.; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles M. Droegge, who died in 1960; her parents, Fred E. and Gertrude (Glenville) Werner, who died in 1962; and one grandchild, John Todd Droegge, who died in 1963.

Gravestone services were held Wednesday, April 30, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church, 2305 Grand, Joplin, Mo.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Joplin, Mo.

**Greathouse, Stephen "Mark"**

STEPHEN "MARK" GREATHOUSE, 40, of Granite City, formerly of Herin, died at 3:35 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, in Granite City following a month illness. He was born Oct. 1, 1956, in Decatur.

Mr. Greathouse retired from Granite City in February 1996 after 18 years as a crane operator. He was a member of USWA Local 67 and the Italian

American Club in Madison. Survivors include his wife, Debbie (Wade) Greathouse, whom he married Dec. 18, 1978; two daughters, Christine and Cassi Greathouse of Granite City; one son, John Mark Greathouse of Granite City; one sister, Cookie Hutchings of Granite City; one brother, Mike Greathouse of Creve Coeur, Mo.; and 16 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Bessie (Boyette) Greathouse.

Visitation will be from 5 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marvill Road. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, May 4, at Irwin's Marvill Road Chapel with the Rev. Henry Ciprian officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Madison County.

**Farney, Annie "Nancy"**

ANNIE "NANCY" (HOY) FARNEY, 74, of Granite City died at 10:40 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis following a one-and-one-half year illness. She was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Seaboard, England, she had been a resident of Granite City for the past 72 years.

Mrs. Farney was a homemaker and member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Howard, David, Stanley and Timothy; Charles Farney of Village Ridge, Mo., and Lawrence Riley and David Farney, both of Granite City; one daughter, Mary Virginia Whitehead of Granite City; one son, Stanley Hoy of Appeto Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Isabel Pearl of Herin, Ind., and Edith Chardonier of Granite City; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mary Hoy, and one brother, Charles Hoy.

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st & Cleveland. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church with the Rev. K. M. Rushing officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City.

**Green, Cecil C.**

CECIL C. GREEN, 92, of Granite

City died at 5:20 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville. He was born Aug. 22, 1904, in Winona, Mo.

Mr. Green was employed for 20 years as a pipe fitter by Dow Aluminum in Madison; and a member of City Temple Church in Granite City, serving on the Board of Deacons.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey L. (Cole) Green, whom he married Jan. 31, 1925; one son, James C. Green of St. Charles, Mo.; three daughters, Betty Johnson of Ridgecrest, Calif., Geraldine Simpson of New York; one brother, Leo Lair of Missouri; one sister, Gertrude Sullivan of Missouri; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Sarah (Patterson) Green; and two grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marvill Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, May 5, at City Temple Church with the Rev. Eugene Cole and Michael Hopkins officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**Hamilton, Clifford O.**

CLIFFORD O. HAMILTON, 66, of Madison died at 9:34 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at his residence following a two-year illness. Born Dec. 31, 1940, in Madison, he was a lifetime resident.

Mr. Hamilton was employed for 10 years by the City of Madison Park District. He was a member of Teamsters and Chauffeur's Local 525; a veteran; and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Homan) Hamilton, whom he married in 1974; three sons, Charles Hamilton and Timothy Vaughn, both of Madison; and one daughter, Kelly Ewen of Anaheim, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Clara Hamilton.

Visitation is scheduled for 4 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel for Funeral, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, May 5, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Kim Keefner officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

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By Bob State Staff Writer

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In fact, the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation refused to investigate the report, the victim's husband said Friday. He added that a report to Brooklyn police has apparently been lost.

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## 3-car pileup leaves three drivers injured

MARINE — Illinois State

Police are investigating a three-car pileup on Illinois Route 143 near Stanton Road that injured all three drivers and stalled traffic for about an hour.

Angela Dilks, 20, of Wood River, had been involved in her car about 12:15 p.m. Thursday after she was hit from behind by a van and her car was pushed into a car stopped to make a left turn.

Dilks was flown by A&H helicopter to Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis where she remained in satisfactory condition late Thursday.

Police said Dilks' 1997 Chevrolet was stopped behind a passenger car driven by Renee Jackson, 25, of Venice.

Jackson, who works at near-by Madison County Animal Control, apparently was returning from lunch and was stopped in eastbound traffic to make a left turn into the shelter when the crash occurred.

The impact pushed Jackson's car off the left side of the road and onto its passenger side. The van, driven by Christopher Jackson, 31, of Troy, careened off the opposite side of the road and landed on its passenger side.

Dilks' car was pushed several yards forward in the eastbound lane of Route 143 and remained on the road, but the damage to her car was so bad that she was trapped inside.

Anita Tinsley of Wood River, who was at the shelter's front door to inquire about her dog, said she heard the tires squeal and turned around in time to see the chain-reaction crash.

"I saw the van smash into the red car and saw glass flying everywhere," Tinsley said. "I ran up to see if everyone was OK. The man in the van got out and started talking, and my mom grabbed him the said."

Tinsley's mother, Billie Nelson of Wood River, was waiting in their car, which was parked at the shelter, and jumped out as the Jackson car tumbled toward her.

"We had just turned in and parked a few minutes before it happened. It scared me," Nelson said.

Marine firefighters, Laughlin ambulance crews and police helped pull the other drivers from the wreckage and stood by to monitor gasoline leakage.

Both Jacksons were treated at Oliver C. Anderson Hospital in Maryville and released late Thursday.

State Police charged Christopher Jackson with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Additional charges are pending, authorities said.

— From The Telegraph

## Transplants provide life after death

By Cheryl A. Moody Staff writer

"Life and death has taken on a different meaning for the Jones' family since Sept. 18, 1995.

After graduating from McKendree College in May 1995, Scott Jones, 34, had just started a career as a science teacher at Madison High School. He was recalled his sister, Debbie Jones, a "classic late bloomer."

"He was so excited about his job," she said.

On that day, Scott Jones experienced breathing difficulties while caring for his 12-year-old daughter, Casey Mathews. (Denise Mathews) Casey Mathews, at her home, Casey Mathews called 911.

At 4:22 a.m., Debbie Jones' phone rang.

"Those numbers are forever etched in my mind," Jones said.

Scott Jones was transported to Memorial Hospital. There, Debbie, her parents, Jack and Kathleen Jones from Cahokia and her two brothers, Michael and Steven Jones from Belleville, gathered to find out more news about Scott.

What at first appeared to be a stroke wound up being a brain aneurysm.

While waiting for test results, Scott's mother commented, "If Scott doesn't make it, what do we do about our son?"

Debbie said this was the first mention ever of a family member donating organs. At Michael Jones' suggestion, Scott was taken to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, where doctors concluded nothing

could be done to save his life.

When the family realized Scott had just a short time to live, Debbie asked doctors to begin processing paperwork to donate Scott's organs.

She said, contrary to what some people may think, Debbie and her family did not rush the death of an organ donor for the purpose of "harvesting" or removing the person's organs.

"The doctors were very compassionate and kept us well informed," Debbie said. Before it was all over, Scott's kidneys, liver, pancreas, bone, skin, corneas and nerves had been removed.

"As much as I miss my brother, I receive great comfort in knowing that it wasn't just a death. Someone once said, 'The greatest tragedy is death from which nothing is gained,'" Jones said.

While organ donor families and recipients normally remain anonymous, they can correspond with each other through Mid-America Transplant Services (MTS) and maintain anonymity MTS informed the Jones family a man from Eureka, Mo., received Scott's liver and the

Missouri recipient knew his donor's name was Scott Jones.

In March, 1996, the Jones family joined about 600 organ donors for the 1996 Candlelight Walk in St. Louis.

Debbie heard a woman behind her in line at the brother's name. Not being able to stand it, Debbie turned and said, "I had a brother named Scott Jones who died on Sept. 18, 1995."

The woman responded: "Our donor died September 18, 1995."

The woman's name was Judy Murphy. Next to Judy was her husband, Vince Murphy. He was wearing a liver recipient button.

"There was screaming, crying, and hugging. You can't begin to imagine the emotions," Debbie said.

"I was a really fortunate person, thanks to the good Lord, doctors and the Jones family," said Vince Murphy. "I think it's a wonderful thing that someone can give their loved one's organs away to let someone else live."

For more information on organ donation, call MTS at 1-314-991-1661 or 1-800-244-donor.

## Durbin urges recovery from tobacco companies

Noting the federal government spends approximately \$20 billion each year in tobacco-related health care costs U.S. Senator Dick Durbin is urging the U.S. Department of Justice to begin efforts to recover those costs from the \$45-billion-a-year tobacco industry.

Joined by several Senate colleagues, Durbin recently sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno calling on the Justice Department to seek reimbursement for the federal government's share of the massive health care costs associated with tobacco use.

Currently, 23 state attorneys general — including Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan — have sued tobacco companies to recover state dollars spent on health care costs associated with tobacco use.

"Taxpayers should not foot the bill for a product that causes disease, lost productivity and death," Durbin said. "At a time when education and anti-crime programs are in danger of being cut, we can't afford to burden taxpayers

with health costs from tobacco-related disease."

Durbin said the federal government spends approximately \$20 billion each year on health care costs related to tobacco use — \$10 billion in the Medicare program, \$5 billion in the Medicaid program and \$5 billion in other federal health programs.

Altogether, he said, medical expenses directly related to smoking cost the people of the United States \$50 billion annually and cost the U.S. economy another \$50 billion each year in lost productivity.

"Smoking costs hundreds of thousands of lives and billions of taxpayers dollars each year," Durbin said. "It's time the federal government closed its wallet to the tobacco companies and used the funds for worthy programs or to reduce our deficit."

Durbin recently proposed bipartisan legislation to eliminate nearly \$10 million in federal taxpayer subsidies to tobacco, including funds spent on crop insurance or crop insurance subsidies.

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## NEWS

## Scouts recognized for efforts at dinner

## Entries are sought

Kenneth Wheat was the master of ceremonies for the sixth annual Cahokia Mounds District Recognition Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City on Jan. 18.

The American Flag was presented by Luther Pike, Tony Guiley, Mary Wiedemer and Floyd Jordan. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Ralph Heimann gave the invocation.

Pat Bush awarded plaques to the following units in recognition for their donations to the district and council: Packs 75, 81, 103, 141, 34, and 38; Troops 13, 31, 33, 38, 102 and 71.

Tim Weiser and Ernie Fries awarded ribbons to the following units for their summertime and camping activities: Packs 15, 38, 40, 48, 83, 91, 103 and 122; Troops 38 and 102.

Gertrude Luebben introduced her training staff and told of how the district and council ranked 2nd in the region for unit leaders training.

Diane Keith, district Cub Scout Leader chairperson, presented the following awards to the following people: Tiger

Cub Group Coach, Jean Clancy and Dawn East; Den Leader Coach, Susan Thurman; Den Leader Training: Reggie Brooks, JoAnn Buddemeyer, Tom Byrd, Jane Davis-Byrd, Marilyn Dresch, Lisa Frey, Alexis Lux, Andrea Miksell, Rich Oliva, Greg Reiss, Sheila Reiss, Kenneth Shelton and Susan Thurman; Webelos Den Leaders Training: JoAnn Buddemeyer, Marilyn Dresch, Ken Holmes, Gary Jarman, Linda Lowery, Alexis Lux and Kenneth Shelton.

Cubmasters Training: Jim Greer, Stephen Pultz, Tim Schwartz and Cathy Thompson, Cub Scouters Training: Kathy Antoff, Jane Davis-Byrd, Anita Holmes and Jeanie Townsend.

Jim Johns, district Boy Scout Leader Training Chairperson, presented the following awards to the following people: Boy Scout Leaders Training: George Brenton, Tom Byrd, Debbie Dust, Bill Dust, Bob Evans, Donna Evans, Mike Nance, Brad Wheeler and David Whittington; Scoutmaster's Key: Richard Town-

send. Bob Smejkal, district Commissioner presented the following awards to the following people: Commissioners Arrowhead: Julie Hammer, Tim Weiser and Marty Clancy; Commissioner Scouters Key: Tim Weiser and Julie Hammer; Distinguished Commissioner: Everett Turnbaugh.

Craig Wheeler, council Wood Badge chairman, presented Judith Smejkal, Brenda Jarman and Bob Evans with their Wood Badge neckerchief, woggle and beads. All Wood Badgers present formed their patrols and a hardy round of the Wood Badge song was enjoyed.

Pat Foote and Bob Evans recognized the units for fall round up and school night for scouting achievements: Packs 13, 31, 42, 43, 57, 72, 81, 86, 91 and 95; Troops 31, 38, 46, 57 and 93.

Bob Smejkal presented the Spark Plug Award to the following people: Ed Smith, Pack 91, Dave Walker, Troop 57, Dave Thomas, Troop 41, Debbie

Harbin, Pack 96, Patricia Heck, Pack 15 and Dennis Lybarger, Pack 96. The Acorn Award to the following people: Ron Dell, Troop 31; Kathy Turner, Pack 34; John Heck, Pack 15; Bill Johnson, Troop 57; Doug Leith, Troop 41 and Marie Lunsford, Pack 96.

Dennis Lussenheide, district advancement chairman announced the total advancement for 1996: bobcats 299, wolf 298, bear 170, webelos 161, arrow of light 109, tenderfoot 90, second class 99, first class 75, star 34, life 40, and eagle 18. There were four palms after eagle and a total of 1555 merit badges earned. Boys who earned the Eagle rank in 1996 are: Timothy Bosworth, Troop 12; Logan Bryan, Tr. 35; Robert Burns, R. 36; Karl Debnay, Tr. 13; Andrew Diab, Tr. 40; Robert Hammer, R. 50; Charles Hollung, Tr. 38; Robert Hoffmann, Tr. 43; Douglas Hulme, Tr. 71; Terry Kreher, Tr. 46; Michael Muller, Tr. 91; Michael Morris, Tr. 93; Michael Rudy, Tr. 12; William Smart, Tr. 46; Scott

Taylor, Tr. 38; Hamid Turav, Tr. 30; Steven Van Hoose, Tr. 38 and Matthew Williams, Tr. 30.

Leroy Stark, a unit commissioner, presented the Pedro Awards to the units who have 100 percent of their youth receiving the Boys Life; Packs 13, 28, 38, 57, 86, 91 and 122; Troops 8, 12, 13, 38, 39, 40, 46, 83, 91, 103 and 122. Gertrude Luebben introduced the guest speaker, Dan Sloan, Trails West Council Commissioner. Dan Sloan talked of his experience in scouting and meeting different members of the Cahokia Mounds District and how these members have helped make the Trails West Council one of the best in the region.

Tom Hewlett presented the Cahokia Mounds District Award of Merit, the highest award a district can give a volunteer scout leader to the following: Mike Babic, Scoutmaster of Troop 13, Granite City; Charles Unger, Troop 34, Glen Carbon and Richard Whiteman, Cubmaster of Pack 15, Granite City.

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new "Distinguished Poet Awards" contest. A total of 35 other cash awards also are being offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, any style. Contest closes May 31, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Winter 1998 edition of "Treasured Poems of America," a hardcover anthology to be published in December 1997.

Poems should be sent to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. E, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, W.Va. 26157. Sparrowgrass is dedicated to encouraging and rewarding the many undiscovered poets across America.

## IN SERVICE

ARMY RESERVE PVT. CASSANDRA BROOKS has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations. Brooks is the niece of Rhonda F. West of Granite City.

AIR FORCE AIRMAN MICHELE J. MARTIN has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Martin is the daughter of Ron L. Martin of Granite City and Patricia K. Cremer of San Diego. She is a 1996 graduate of Collinsville High School.

KAMI J. KESSEL has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class. Kessel is a signals intelligence analyst at Hickman Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii. She is the daughter of Steve and Patti Kessel of Granite City. The airman is a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School.

JOHN A. WEBB of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, Infantryman. Webb, who will graduate from Granite City High School in May



1997, will take basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and advanced individual training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He will report for duty June 27, 1997. He is the son of Ms. Yvonne Webb of Granite City.

NICHOLAS S. THOMAS of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, combat engineer. Thomas, who will graduate from Granite City High School in May 1997, will take basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He will report for duty June 20, 1997. He is the son of Ms. Patti Thomas of Granite City.

JEFFREY J. ELLIS of Madison has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, Infantryman. Ellis, who is a 1993 graduate of

Madison Senior High School, will take basic and advanced training at Fort Benning, Ga. He will report for duty Oct. 30, 1997. He is the son of Mr. John and Mrs. Audrey Ellis of Madison.

JASON E. PEELER of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, motor transport operator. Peeler will take basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He is the son of Mr. Rick and Mrs. Mary Ann Peeler of Caseyville and is the grandson of Ms. Bertha Peeler of Granite City.

MARINE PVT. JASON D. HAGOPOLAN, son of Sandy L. Hagopolan of Granite City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Hagopolan successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hagopolan and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running 3 miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hagopolan spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. He performed close order drills and during field training.

Hagopolan and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort in problem-solving, evolution, which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as Marines for the first time since boot camp began. He is a 1996 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.



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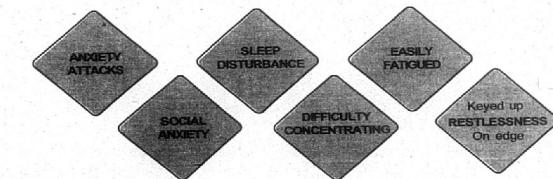
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# NEWS



St. Elizabeth Medical Center connects 13 enthusiastic Girl Scouts with a potential recruit, newborn Kyla Williams, for National Girl Scouts Week, March 9-15. Kyla's mother, Monica Williams, enjoys the company.

## Newborn baby becomes Girl Scout

Thirteen girl scouts gathered March 11 on the Women and Newborn Services floor at St. Elizabeth Medical Center to recruit Kyla Williams for the Girl Scouts. Nothing unusual about this — except that Kyla had just been born to Monica Williams.

"We're celebrating National Girl Scout Week," said co-neighborhood chairperson Kathy Lickenbrock of Granite City. Lickenbrock and Elizabeth Lengyel supervise 60 Girl Scout troops in Granite City. "Liz and I borrowed the idea from another Illinois troop as a unique way to mark the occasion. The infant T-shirt is emblazoned with the green Girl Scout logo and the words 'Future Girl Scout.'"

Five baby girls received the shirts during the week.

Girl Scouts involved represented Granite City Daisies Troop 565, Brownies Troop 58, Juniors Troop 942 and Cadets Troop 316. The girls were Jennifer Whitt, Laura Mills, Lindsay Hendrix, Diane Lickenbrock, Lisa Morrison, Elana Alegre, Robyne Pilecki, Jennifer Hartwick, Laura Brown and Natalie Ruesing.

Baby Kyla seemed not to mind being recruited on the first day of her life.

The Girl Scout mission is "Be Your Best." Kyla had a lot of well-wishers getting her started.

## Karius earns Employee of the Year at MAC

Lisa Karius, daughter of Rozanne and Gene Robertson of Madison, was recently named Employee of the Year by Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis. She was honored at the club's distinguished employees dinner on March 20 in the Crystal Room.

Karius, who began working at the club in 1992, won a \$250 savings bond, a weekend for two at a St. Louis hotel, and a year of free parking. She is the wife of Joe Karius and the mother of their two children, Joey and Hayle.

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## Morocco adventure Travelers Abroad hears about trip

Travelers Abroad belatedly began its 32nd year in February as it met at Jerry's Cafeteria with 20 members and one guest. For the first time since it was organized in 1965, two meetings in a row — the Holiday party in late November and the January meeting — were cancelled because of poor weather/driving conditions. Among those present at the February meeting were six charter members: Alice Purdies, Charles and Jeanette James, Dorothy Hoedebeck, and Julianne and Eunice Hatcher.

President Purdies welcomed the group and winners of the "Dinner for Two" at Jerry's: Frank Beatty and Pat Thomas. A discussion on the conflicting May meeting date with Memorial Day was held and a vote will be taken at the March meeting to either move it to the third Monday or to cancel the meeting. The program for the evening was given by Barbara Williams who told of her tour group's experiences in Morocco last November. Getting off to a good start, from New York to Casablanca, no one slept due to two young screaming children who were sitting right next to some of the 20 members of the tour group. Since Royal Air Maroc had only two flights a week to and from New York, the group was delighted to hear that the children's family was going to be visiting for three weeks and the tour group was returning in two weeks.

The group was met at the airport by its guide who was 25 and spoke excellent English. The bus driver and his helper, J.R., made up the team that was with the group for the entire two weeks. Local guides were on hand in some of the area's visited, but several times their information had to be translated into English by our main guide, Abdul.

From the airport, the group headed north to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, which is situated on the Atlantic coast. The highlight of Rabat is the beautiful mausoleum of Mohammed V, who led the successful Moroccan struggle for freedom against the countries of Spain and France. Next to his mausoleum is the beginning of a huge mosque with a completed minaret tower surrounded by over 100 pillars of different heights which would have supported the mosque. It evidently will be left in that incomplete state. Uniformed, mounted guards patrol the area.

Tangier, farther north, was the next destination with several stops along the road to visit local markets. Persons who waved their arms in front of the faces indicated they did not want to be photographed by the tourists. The eight-mile trip across the Mediterranean to visit Gibraltar was cancelled by the boat concession operator and the visit to the home of Malcolm Forbes to view the several thousand military soldiers aligned in famous battle formations had been permanently closed.

Much construction was in progress and all the concrete buildings were sand-colored. The travelers were amazed that small trees were used to support a floor until the concrete set; then the trees were moved to the next floor to repeat the process.

With both Rabat and Tangier situated on steep hills, the tourists quickly learned that they were not in up-top shape. It was amazing, though, that on the third day, everyone's legs had recovered and there were no more moans and groans.

would be given instructions by one person and, a few minutes later, another person would want it done another way. Our guide said he was happy when the emperor went home.

Ifram was one of the stops and it reminded us of towns in the U.S. The facilities were good; there was a cookie store next door that had delicious cookies for sale; and even some of the houses were painted. Ifram was a college town; tuition was \$8,000 a year; and 80 percent of the students were from Saudi Arabia. The remaining 20 percent came from Morocco and other nearby countries.

All along the roads we saw sheep herders taking care of sheep for absentee landlords. There were no fences and the animals were always near the road. In some places there was a hut or tent to live in. Children living in these conditions are well educated. Abdul said that the average family would live for months on mint tea, bread, and olive oil; they waited for the owners to bring them food.

Later in the trip we stopped in the High Atlas Mountains to visit a nomadic family living in a tent. The distance to the tent was quite a way over exceedingly rough ground so several of us stayed on the bus. The guide asked the ones going to the tent to leave a coin or two if they took any pictures. When the group returned to the bus, two young children tagged along. Once in a while a person's brain works at the right time and this was it. I remembered the plastic bag of hard candy that was easily grabbed and I took it to the bus door to give some to the children. Someone remarked that probably the children had never had candy before.

Three nights were spent in Fez, exploring the area and the neighboring sites. From Fez we drove to Erfoud which is on the edge of the Sahara Desert and only 80 miles from the Algerian border. During the night as the sun was going down over the desert, we encountered a sand storm and the sun set with only a hint of what it should have been.

Our Erfoud hotel was built around a courtyard containing the swimming pool. The rooms all had weather stripping around the doors in an attempt to keep out the sand. Our room had a large seat, and when we looked at it, it was covered with sand that had come in through the window above it. We knew there was no point in trying to remove the sand, so we just ignored the lovestones for the two nights we were there. Ignoring the sand grit on the floor was more difficult.

The following day we went out from Erfoud in landrovers to the desert to see the sun set. After the first two or three miles on blacktop, there were no roads but one could see tracks in the sand. It took us about an hour, at a rapid speed, to drive to the sand dunes where we were headed. Persons who were planning to wrap around their face and head at the hotel shop. We were warned that the sand would

Every city that was visited had souks or medinas or shopping areas. The majority was very dirty, difficult to walk in, and dark in many places. In attempts to stay together, the group raced through, trying to avoid the ditch of water that might be there, or the droppings from the donkeys.

ruin our glasses and cameras. A quick yell to me enabled me to get a picture of one person astride her camel. Four of us did not venture onto a camel or attempt to climb the huge sand dunes. We went into a small building and had sodas while we waited; various persons gave up the climb and struggled to join us. This building evidently was a shelter in the desert because there were cots lined up very close together and there were a number of men lying on these cots. We spent about an hour in

the building before everyone had conquered the dunes or had given up. It took another hour to get back to civilization and we drove almost all the way in the dark. We had good drivers!

From Erfoud, we drove to Ouarzazatte which took almost an entire day. We had lunch at a hotel restaurant in the Three Gorges area. One could tell which bus drivers had been there before for they turned the bus around, a difficult job, before they parked it. New bus drivers just drove in and let their people off. One had to exit the same way one came in so the new drivers would have to wait for other cars, etc., to move before they could leave. Our driver knew! In the summer when the temperature on the top of the gorges is 120 degrees, down at the bottom of the gorge where we were, it would be 55 degrees.

On the road to Marrakech, we stopped to visit a Berber village which was also reached by a narrow plank over the stream; helping hands aided the people across the stream. After the visit and lunch, we approached more

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mountains. We crossed them at the Tizi-n-Tichka pass which is one of the highest passes. New snow was visible on the tops of all the mountains around us.

Marrakech is the most famous of the imperial cities and seems to be the point where roads going in all four directions meet. In Marrakech we visited several palaces, an artisan's souk where we watched workers in leather, pottery, brass, and dyers. Some of the odors and fumes emitted were terrible, but

many young people were learning these trades. Entertainers move from tent to tent as one enjoys being entertained while eating. The final portion of the evening included huge fireworks, for which one had moved to concrete bleachers. At the very end a troop of horsemen ride rapidly before the audience and fire their guns at the same time.

From Marrakech we drove to Casablanca where we visited the second-largest mosque in the world; the largest is at Mecca. We visited the American Legion building and were shown the building that world powers met in during World War II.

The following day was spent in returning to St. Louis.

Others attending the meeting were Lillian Delp, Georgia Engelke, James Hayes, Marguerite Lexow, Emma Schoen, Rose Schmidt, Mariot Schocker, Mary Swan, Isabella Southwick, Betty Townsend, Fred Feldworth and Kathy Kalchoff.

We also visited the Menara Gardens and the Majorelle Botanical Garden. We went to the huge Djemaa el FNA Square which is famous for its storytelling, acrobats, snake charmers, wrapped in snakes, fortune tellers, etc. Everything imaginable was on sale but one could not stop and look or he would be lost in the mass of people.

The farewell dinner was at Fantasia where tents housing separate parties are erected.

## NEWS

## BAC representatives learn about politics at seminar

Belleville Area College President Joseph J. Cipri, Ph.D., along with BAC board Vice Chairperson Ken Joseph and student trustee Albert Walker of Granite City, attended the National Legislative Seminar held recently in Washington, D.C.

The three-day event was sponsored by the Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges.

"The seminar featured political analysis from congressional and executive branch offi-

"The opportunity to carry on dialogue with national legislators, coupled with the opportunity to participate in meaningful seminars, truly made for an enriching and informational experience."

— Dr. Joseph J. Cipri  
Belleville Area College president

cials who provided insight an insider information critical to understanding and influencing the decision-making process both on and around Capitol Hill," Dr. Cipri said.

Among the presentations attended by the BAC delegation were a special session with U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley; a discussion of issues related to the Higher Education Act Reauthorization; "Workforce Issues: Reauthorization of Perkins and Adult Education Acts" and community college priorities for the 106th Congress.

These priorities include supporting a \$3,000 maximum Pell Grant in Fiscal Year 1998, supporting a \$1,500 educational tax credit and urging Congress to

pass separate laws to implement adult training and vocational education programs.

The BAC contingent also attended the Illinois Caucus meeting for college trustees and presidents as well as a special Illinois reception honoring U.S. Rep. John Porter, the 1997 Community College National Education Service Award winner.

"We had very good discussions with the two U.S. senators from Illinois, Carol Mosley-Braun and Richard Durbin, and with Rep. John Skimkus," Cipri said.



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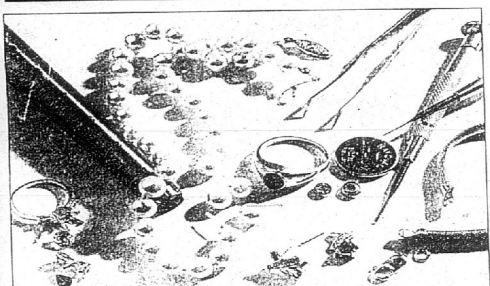
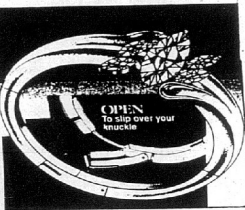
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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Century

Buick has simple styling, decent power, room for 6

By Tom Strongman

There's a new Century from Buick, and it's a good vehicle to take Buick into the next century.

The Old Century was produced for 15 years, and more than 2 million were sold. A new model is welcome.

There are two trim levels, Custom and Limited. We drove the custom, which is likely to be the highest-volume seller. Its base price was \$17,845.

Tight and solid, this family four-door won't grab your attention with flashy gimmicks. Its look is identifiably Buick, which means an oval grill and conservative profile, yet the simplicity is appealing.

Like many of the new mid-size cars from General Motors, the Century is not intended for driving enthusiasts, but for mainstream buyers who value function over style and want a good value for their hard-earned dollars. Seen in this light, it is a success.

Derived from the same platform as the Pontiac Grand Prix and Oldsmobile Intrigue, the Century's wheelbase is 4.1 inches longer than its predecessor.

The track is wider, too, and it rides on larger tires. While the ride is not as tight as the Pontiac Grand Prix, it is considerably firmer than a LeSabre, due in large measure to its rigid body structure. Over-heating highways it felt a tad soft but never enough so to be uncomfortable.

Many cars in this class, which includes the Toyota Camry and Ford Taurus, have six-cylinder engines, and this one comes with a 3.1-liter V-6. Rated at 180 horsepower, it works through a four-speed automatic transmission.

While not GM's most impressive power plant, it certainly passes muster with flying colors.

The engine, power steering and most of the front suspension are mounted on a separate cradle that is then attached to the car with four large rubber mounts.

This lessens the amount of noise and vibration

that makes its way into the cabin.

Triple door seals also keep out noise, and sound-deadening material is placed on the instrument panel, floor of the trunk and over the rear wheels. Sheet metal is double-galvanized to resist corrosion.

These are items that cannot be readily seen but are important over the life of the vehicle.

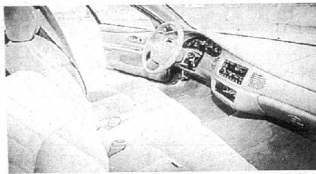
Brakes are disc in front and drum in back, with anti-lock standard.

Other handy touches include air filtration for the passenger compartment and battery-run-down protection.

Steering feel is much improved, thanks to a new variable-assist power steering unit that uses a combination of electronics, hydraulics and electromagnets.

At parking speeds it is light and responsive, yet it firms up as speed increases.

The interior of our dark-red test car was upholstered in a patterned light-tan cloth, and the rest of the interior was the same color, which gave it a lively look.



The new dashboard has revised instruments located in a curving pod behind the steering wheel. Most switches, including radio and climate control, have been redesigned for easier use.

Secondary functions of the radio still have tiny buttons, but at least they are not used as much.

The front bench seat can accommodate three people with the armrest up, but most folks won't use it that way.

Cup holders fold out of the center armrest, which is not as good as having them in the dash or a console.

The power seats have door-mounted switches for simple adjustment.

Around back there is decent legroom, and the trunk is also good sized.

The base price of our test car was \$17,845. Options included integrated child seat, aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette player, upgraded speakers, power windows and locks, cruise control and tilt steering wheel.

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## POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

When it comes to auto theft, most people generally aren't attracted to the most expensive or fancy vehicles. Even crooks who haven't studied economics respond to the laws of supply and demand. That is why the Honda Accord has become the most popular stolen car in America. With hundreds of thousands of them on the road, there is enormous demand for crash parts and worn-out mechanical parts.

The 1994, 1992 and 1988 Accords have claimed the three top spots on the CCC Information Services list of the 10-most illegally wanted cars in America. Three other model years also made the list, giving Honda six placings in the top 10.

Also making the list were two years of the Oldsmobile Cutlass, the most recent category leader. The 1995 Ford Mustang and 1989 Toyota Camry rounded out the list.

Stealing and reselling one of these would be like trying to unload the Statue of Liberty. Mercedes-Benz has created a stunningly beautiful and powerful-looking racing machine based, sort of, on its new CLK model. The M-B CLK GTR carries the traditional Mercedes grill and new-style headlight design in front of a swooping, flowing, full-out-racing Kevlar body.

This amazing machine is powered by a 48-valve, V-12 engine that should be good for 560 horsepower. The prototype has achieved 200 mph. The car is intended for world-class prototype sports car races, such as the 24 Hours of LeMans, as a means of enhancing the company's performance image.

But you can buy one for your daily commute for the fantastic introductory price of, say, just \$99,995. (World racing rules limit the car class to vehicles costing less than \$1 million, as if that was a meaningful cut-off point.) With production limited to about 50 copies, the company nonetheless anticipates demand will exceed supply.

And to think most of us can merely dream about owning that souped-up 1976 Facer.

The Thunderbird has been Ford's tool of choice in stock car racing for many years, but the model soon will go out of production for two or three years. NASCAR rules would allow Ford teams to keep using the Thunderbird body during that time, but people in the sport doubt Ford will want to use a nonexistent vehicle as the flagship in one of its most exciting marketing venues. One Ford team tested a hot-rod Lincoln stocker last year, but speculation has it that more likely options will be Mustang or Taurus sheet metal.

The CART racing organization is racing under new engine rules this year that have cut turbocharged boost from 45 inches to 40 inches as a means of slowing its cars. (These cars until recently were known as Indy cars but due to legal issues with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway now are known legally as just cars.)

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